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Police arresting a suspect at the blast site in Japan's Wakayama | AP

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SMOKE BOMB THROWN AT JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER

Fumio Kishida was campaigning in Japan's Wakayama when a pipe-like object was thrown in his direction

OBJECT LANDS FEW FEET AWAY FROM KISHIDA

Footage by Japanese broadcaster NHK showed Kishida standing with his back facing the crowd when a silver, pipe-like object landed just a few feet away from him. His security detail sprung into action, pushing him away, seconds before a loud blast was heard and white smoke filled the air. Kishida was safely evacuated and went on to resume campaigning

24-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT IN POLICE CUSTODY

- A 24-year-old man was arrested at the scene. Reports said he threw a smoke or pipe bomb, possibly with a delayed fuse
- Kishida was campaigning for his party's candidate in a local election
- The incident comes as Japan is still dealing with the trauma of former prime minister Shinzo Abe's assassination last year | PTI

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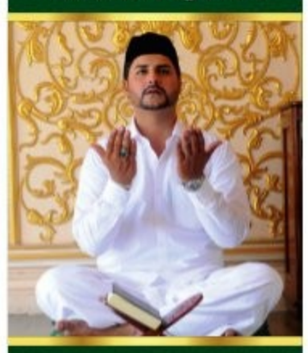

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TALKS FAIL, SHETTAR TO QUIT AS MLA TODAY

Will decide future course of action soon, says former chief minister

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
@ Hubballi, Bengaluru

FORMER CM and senior BJP leader Jagadish Shettar late on Saturday evening decided to resign as member of the legislative Assembly after talks with senior party leaders over allotting him a ticket from the Hubballi Central Assembly segment failed. Shettar has not spoken about his next move, but he could join Congress, sources said.

Emerging from a meeting with senior party leaders, Shettar announced that he would quit as MLA. He has already sought time with Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri and he is expected to resign on Sunday after reaching Sirsi. He expressed deep disappointment over the way the party treated him and said he faced a lot of humiliation within the party. He will announce his future course of action once he quits his MLA post, the sources said.

Shettar had earlier announced that he would decide his future course of action by Saturday evening. But he postponed it after BJP state election in charge Dharmendra Pradhan, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi expressed to meet him. The leaders arrived at Shettar's residence by night and held a closed-door meeting for half-an-hour.

During the meeting, Shettar was told he would not be given the Hubballi-Dharwad Central ticket and any member of his family would be allowed to contest from the seat Hubballi-Dharwad Central seat which he has represented six times. If he is not happy with the officer, he would be made a governor of any state if he retires from active politics,. the sources said. But Shettar refused both the offers and asked the leaders the reason behind denying him the ticket. But the delegation did not have any answers it is said.

Shettar said that some forces within BJP wanted to corner him as he is the seniormost leader in the party after BS Yediyurappa and KS Eshwarappa retired from active politics. He said he knows who were behind such activities and he will reveal it at an appropriate time, he added. P4

CONG THIRD LIST OUT, SAVADI GETS ATHANI

As Congress released its third list of 43 candidates on Saturday, former DCM Laxman Savadi has been given the ticket to contest from Athani, which was denied to him by BJP, leading him to quit the party. Meanwhile, the Congress has kept the Hubballi-Dharwad Central seat vacant expecting former CM Jagadish Shettar to join the party. P4

Ajit Pawar readies to be next Maha CM

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA CM Eknath Shinde appears to be on his way out, making way for NCP's **Ajit Pawar** as his successor in alliance with the BJP. With the Damocles' sword of the Supreme Court's defection verdict hanging over Shinde's head, the change of guard is just a matter of time.

Ajit is in a hurry to realise his dream of becoming CM. He has the support of 35-40 NCP lawmakers, so the anti-defection law will not kick in.

However, senior leaders in his camp want him to get party founder Sharad Pawar's consent so as to avoid the 2019 fiasco of forming a government with the BJP, which fell within 80 hours as the senior Pawar was not on board. "Sharad Pawar is reluctant to go with the BJP. He asked Ajit to take his own call, saying he (Sharad) was not willing to stigmatise his political career that is at its fag end by aligning with the saffron party. Ajit's supporters are aware that going against the party patriarch could mean political suicide because of Sharad Pawar's ability to sway the public mood," said a senior NCP leader.

The wary NCP MLAs have pressed Ajit to get Sharad Pawar's blessings. When Ajit went incommunicado on April 8, he had taken a chartered flight to Delhi to meet BJP leader Amit Shah to strike the final deal, sources said. "Party leaders Praful Patel and Sunil Tatkare accompanied him to decide the distribution of portfolios," a source said.

Sources said the BJP has already sounded out Shinde. "BJP is in a difficult situation. The popularity of Uddhav Thackeray and his son Aditya has increased though they lost the party name and symbol. An internal BJP survey states the MVA would bag 33 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state. The BJP cannot afford to lose Maharashtra," said the source.

The BJP wants a Maratha face as CM since they comprise 35% of the electorate, hence the attempt to draw Ajit Pawar.

CONQUERING 50

Royal Challengers Bangalore batsman Virat Kohli raises his bat after scoring a half-century, during their IPL match against Delhi Capitals at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday. RCB beat Delhi by 23 runs | VINOD KUMAR T

ATIQ, BROTHER SHOT DEAD ON CAMERA

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a brazen act, mafia don-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf Ahmed were shot dead on camera while being taken for medical check-up in Prayagraj on Saturday around 10 pm.

Their murders came two days after Atiq's son Asad, wanted in connection with the Umesh Pal murder case, was eliminated by the UP police in Jhansi in an encounter.

Three alleged assailants were arrested. A policeman was injured in the firing.

The attack happened after both the brothers arrived at the Prayagraj hospital. They got down from the police van and were taking media questions when an assailant put his weapon on Atiq's temple and pulled the trigger.

Atiq slumped to the ground and was followed by Ashraf. Viral videos of the attack showed an assailant pumping more bullets into the collapsed bodies. In all, around 10 shots were fired. The bullet-riddled bodies were soon taken away as tension gripped the area.

The horrific act was caught on camera as mediapersons were tailing the gangsters.

The assailants managed to intrude by allegedly posing as mediapersons, the police said.

Both Atiq and Ashraf had been brought from Gujarat jails to Prayagraj for questioning in the Umesh Pal case.

On March 2, Atiq had approached the Supreme Court claiming threat to his life.

An assailant putting his gun on the Atiq Ahmad's temple before shooting him dead

EXPRESS READ

Release 6 tmcft of water, K'taka tells M'rashtra

BELAGAVI: The Karnataka government has requested Maharashtra to release 3 TMC of water from the Warna/Koyna reservoir into the Krishna river, and 3 TMC of water from the Ujjaini reservoir into Bhima river to address drinking water needs of North Karnataka. In a letter, the Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Karnataka informed the Maharashtra government that parts of North Karnataka -- Belagavi, Vijaypura, Bagalkot, Kalaburagi, Raichur, and Yadgir -- are facing acute drinking water shortage this summer.

CAPF exam soon in 13 languages

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

DAYS after Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah, urging him to include Tamil as a language for the written exam in the recruitment for Central Armed Reserve Police Force personnel, the government on Saturday announced the Constable (General Duty) exam for CAPFs will be held in 13 regional languages.

From January 1 next year, in addition to Hindi and English, the question paper will also be set in Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri, and Konkani.

The Union Home Ministry said the decision will result in lakhs of youth taking the CAPF exam in their regional language, which could improve their chances.

The MHA and Staff Selection Commission are expected to sign an addendum to the existing MoU to facilitate the conduct of the examination in multiple Indian languages.

Bommai's assets grow nearly 5x in 5 yrs

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA
@ Hubballi

THE total assets of Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** have grown close to five times in the last five years. Bommai, who filed his nomination paper to contest from the Shiggaon constituency on Saturday, declared the total value of his properties at Rs 28.94 crore, which was Rs 6.09 crore in 2018 when the last Assembly elections were held.

The value of his immovable properties has grown from Rs 3.77 crore to Rs 22.96 crore, which is over six times. Similarly, the value of movables increased from Rs 2.32 crore to Rs 5.98 crore. As per the affidavit filed before the Election Commission of India, Bommai has assets worth Rs 28,93,94,208 and liabilities of Rs 5,79,20,753. Also, under the column of Hindu Undivided Family, he has declared an inherited asset of Rs 20,77,41,231. So, the total assets declared by Bommai is Rs 49.70 crore.

While Bommai owns gold jewellery, bullion and valuable articles worth Rs 1.5 crore, his wife Chennamma has assets of Rs 78.83 lakh. He has non-agriculture land in Yelahanka and Bengeri of Hubballi, and agricultural land in Tarihal village on the Hubballi outskirts and at his ancestral village Kamadolli of Kundgol taluk. He also declared owning three commercial and four residential buildings.

Bommai, who was with his son Bharat, Public Works Minister CC Patil, and Haveri MP Shivakumar Udasi, filed the papers at the Shiggaon taluk office as the day was considered auspicious. He is expected to submit more papers on April 19 taking out a procession, which may be attended by BJP national president JP Nadda.

MADAL GETS BAIL

A special court on Saturday granted bail to Channagiri BJP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa in a graft case registered by the Lokayukta police over lack of breakthrough. "Virupakshappa was not arrested while receiving the bribe. Also, Madal's medical report shows he has heart disease," said the court. P3

POLL PUSH

All parties now on a hunt to woo migrant voters in border regions

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

WORKERS of prominent political parties have started knocking on the doors of voters in border villages and tribal hamlets to gather information on migrant labourers to make them come back and vote in favour of their candidates in the May 10 Assembly elections.

The parties and candidates foresee a keen contest in many constituencies on the border of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, where migrant voters are in large numbers. The workers have started collecting details such as names of voters who have migrated from their villages and hamlets in search of work, their present workplaces, booth numbers, etc. They are also collecting details of such voters' political affiliation. Local leaders and village heads have been roped in by the parties to reach the migrant voters. They have been promised attractive wages, food, transport and other facilities.

In Hanur Assembly constituency alone, more than 12,000 voters are working in textile mills at Tirupur in Tamil Nadu. Many are working in estates and farms in that state. Govinda of BG Doddi said many families from Budipadaga, Aradinapura, VS Doddi, Gundi Mole and other villages have migrated to other places in search of jobs. Workers of various parties have visited these villages and have prepared a list of such voters.

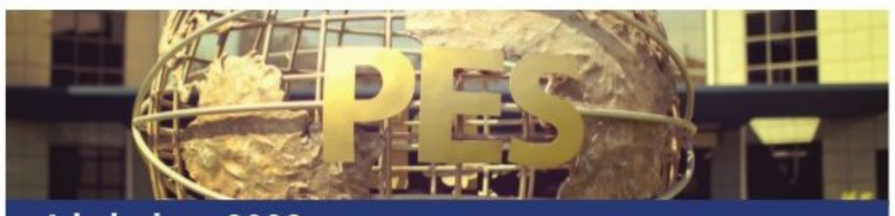
CONTINUED ON: P5

Man cuts cake on GF's b'day, slits her throat with the same knife

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 24-year-old woman, working in the Internal Security Division (ISD) of the Karnataka State Police, was murdered by her boyfriend after celebrating her birthday at his house near Laggere in Rajgopal Nagar police station limits.

The woman, Navya (24), could not celebrate her birthday on Tuesday as her boyfriend **Prashanth** (25) was not available and they cut the cake on Friday. Immediately after, Prashanth, suspecting her to be cheating on him, slit her throat with the same knife that was used to cut the cake. He stayed with Navya's body for the next five hours, unsure of what to do. He even contemplated chopping the body into pieces and dumping it, like in the murder of Shradha by Aftab Ameen Poonawalla in Delhi. But he decided against it as it was time consuming and surrendered in the evening. P3



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WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 35°C
FORECAST
Broken clouds

Sunrise 6.06 am
Sunset 6.32 pm
Moonrise 3.13 am
Moonset 3.08 pm

Eshanya Beverages Founder Sandeep Eshanya, and his wife and Co-founder Rani Vishwanath, with their product -- Betel Leaf Tea

A worker oversees part of the process of tea production at the unit in Mysuru

Nitte University Vice-Chancellor Prof Sathish Bhandary (centre, in black suit) launches 'Betel Leaf Organic Tea in Mangaluru recently.

SIPS OF CHEER!

Aided by Nitte University, a young entrepreneur from Mysuru comes up with betel leaf organic tea

Women at work at the betel leaf tea manufacturing unit in Mysuru

Aim to generate more employment

Sandeep Eshanya said that around 15 farmers are supplying them with betel leaves at present. "We use two different varieties available in Mysuru. Besides, local women are part of manufacturing the product. We aim to generate more employment and help farmers who extensively grow betel leaf in Mysuru," hesaid.

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

Oops, there's a paan in my chai! These two favourite indulgences of a typical Indian afternoon have come together in the form of betel leaf tea, for the tea connoisseur.

Sandeep Eshanya (30) from Vijayanagar in Mysuru district, has come up with this unique tea developed at Nitte University through its DST Technology Enabling Centre (TEC).

"Betel leaf is rich in fibre, vitamins A, B, C, and minerals like calcium, iron and potassium, but the betel leaf has lost its importance as it is used for chewing, and not as a food product. I had read an article on how the betel leaf is neglected today, and I decided to come up with a byproduct. During the Covid lockdown, I wanted to do something to improve the utilisation of betel leaves," he said.

The brand 'Betel Leaf Organic Tea' was released in Mangaluru on Friday by Nitte University Vice-Chancellor Prof Sathish Bhandary.

Sandeep, an entrepreneur who runs a startup called Eshanya Beverages Pvt Ltd, approached Nitte University DST TEC, and got support in the form of a study initiated with Dr Mamatha BS, faculty at Nitte University Centre for Science Education and Research.

With her background in food technology, Dr Mamatha held discussions with Sandeep Eshanya, and developed a process for making betel leaf tea, using betel leaves. The process of preparing tea bags without losing nutrients, medical properties and original flavour, even when different flavours were added, had to be standardised through laboratory studies and consumer acceptance trials. The process has been protected by a shared patent.

Nitte University has authorised Sandeep's firm to commercialise technology through an agreement. Eshanya Beverages was also incubated at MS Ramaiah Institute.

Mysuru betel leaf used

Sandeep says GI-tagged Mysuru betel leaf is procured from farmers in Mysuru. "Around 15 farmers are supplying us with betel leaves at present. We are using two different varieties available in Mysuru. Apart from that, local women participate in the manufacture of the product," he said.

Sandeep said the product was released into the market a month ago, and had already sold around 300 boxes with four different flavours -- original, lemon, rose and orange.

Priced at Rs 349 per box with 15 sachets, they are getting good responses from across India. "The product is available online on Amazon and retail stores too. We have sent product samples to at least 10 countries and have received good response. We will soon export it to the US and Japan," he said.

Nitte University is happy to see that the research work done here has led to a commercial product that can reach consumers in India and overseas through Eshanya Beverages. The university has developed, and is implementing a startup policy to encourage young enterprenuers to work with faculty to develop and commercialise products... There are some other products that are at pilot stage or at market-ready stage, and these will to be released during the National Technology Day celebrations on May 11.

- Prof Sathish Bhandary, Vice-Chancellor, Nitte University

Betel leaf is known to India since ancient times. According to Skanda Purana, betel leaf is one of the celestial objects that emerged during 'Samudra Manthan'. There is reference to betel leaf in Charaka and Sushruta Samhitas, and its medicinal properties was known to India even as early as 400 BC, and there is evidence of its use during the Harappan Civilisation too. Even today, betel leaf is an essential component in Hindu rituals. Also, betel leaf is rich in fiber, vitamins A, B, and C, calcium, iron and potassium.

- Dr M S Mudithaya, Pro-vice chancellor, Nitte University

Betel leaves being cleaned and readied to be turned into tea

RESEARCH REACH

IISc scientists bag Infosys Young Investigator Award

ENS @ Bengaluru

THREE scientists of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have been awarded the Infosys Young Investigator Award for their efforts in research in various fields, including immunotherapy, chemical engineering, and biochemistry.

The award is given to early career IISc assistant professors in recognition of their research efforts in various fields. In addition, it is also awarded based on the researchers' achievements at the national and international levels. The award has been given to Dr Sudha Kumari of the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, Prof Ananth Govind Rajan of the Department of Chemical Engineering, and Prof Debabrata Laha of the Department of Biochemistry.

Dr Kumari's research focus is on a type of white blood cell, T cells, and their behaviour, particular 'immunosurveillance'. Her research focuses on how the cells move through the body and what strategies they employ to fight against diseases. In particular, the research will help understand where the cells fail in addressing serious pathogens as well as cancer, and what can be done in present medical treatments to make up for where the cells are lacking.

She heads the Immunosurveillance Lab of IISc as its principal investigator.

Meanwhile, Prof Rajan and his team are working on harnessing nanotechnology for use in different applications, including energy storage, electrocatalysis, and water desalination. Prof Rajan heads the AGR Group at IISc Chemical Engineering, for 'Computational Nanotechnology for Energy and Water'. The research group focuses on running simulations and make use of modelling to understand how to use nanotechnology.

Prof Laha is a molecular biologist who heads a team of researchers in studying inositol phosphates and their role within plants, especially in helping plants deal with external threats. While it has been found that these phosphates are instrumental in helping plants respond to external threats, aid in their growth and help in DNA repair, it is unknown how they do this on a molecular level.

The awardees will have their research funded for the next three years.

Baig pitches son Ruman as independent or JDS candidate

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

AFTER being denied a BJP ticket and with just a few days left for the nominations, former minister R Roshan Baig on Saturday realised he has no chance of contesting this time, and instead proposed that his son, **Ruman Baig** either contest as an independent or as a JDS candidate.

Baig held a meeting with his supporters at his Bharathinagar residence on Saturday, and took this decision.

Baig said: "I do not want to contest elections. I want my son to contest from Shivajinagar. We tried from BJP. The BJP had promised two tickets to Muslims — one from Hyderabad-Karnataka region and another from Shivajinagar. To decide on how to make Ruman contest elections as an independent or as a JDS candidate, a meeting was held with supporters."

He said that since he shares a good rapport with former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy and former prime minister and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, he has approached them about a ticket for his son.

"My son is young. It will be good if he contests elections. In a day or two, a clear picture would emerge, and a decision will be taken," he said.

Shakeel Usmani, a supporter of Baig, said they were disappointed as BJP did not give him a ticket. "Baig is a mass leader and senses the pulse of Shivajinagar. We wanted him to contest from BJP as he shared a good equation with former CM Yediyurappa, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan and others. He told us he was not interested in contesting. So, we were expecting a ticket for Ruman Baig. We will back him," said Usmani.

EXPRESS READ

BSY's political secretary Santosh joins JDS, to contest from Arsikere

ARSIKERE: Denied a BJP ticket from Arsikere, former political secretary of former CM B S Yediyurappa N R Santosh joined the JDS in the presence of party senior leader and former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy in Bengaluru on Saturday. The BJP announced G V T Basavaraj's name from Arsikere which enraged Santosh who warmed up to JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda's party. The party has decided to field Santosh, a Lingayat leader, from Arsikere to teach party rebel MLA K M Shivalingegowda a lesson. The JDS is planning to play up the Lingayat card as the party has fielded two from the community in Hassan district. Veerashaiva-Lingayats are a dominant group in Arsikere, Belur and Sakleshpur constituencies in the district. Santosh said party leaders will handover the B Form to him on Sunday and he will file the nomination papers on Monday after taking out a massive rally of supportes and JDS workers. **ENS**

cVIGIL app logs 3k plaints, ₹161 cr seizures

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the Assembly elections in Karnataka, Rs 161 cr, including cash, freebies, narcotics, liquor and metals, has been seized till April 14.

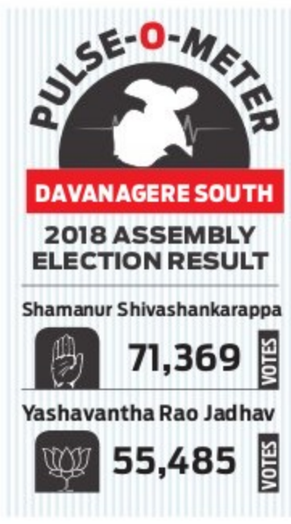
The cVigil app has recorded 3,147 complaints in Karnataka on model code of conduct violations, of which 2,643 complaints have been found to be genuine.

According to a press release by the office of the chief electoral officer, the majority of the complaints were about putting up banners/posters without permission and the remaining were about distribution of gifts, money, liquor and property defacement. Flying squads and police authorities have also booked 1,334 FIRs regarding seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals and freebies.

The income tax department recorded seizures worth Rs 25.45 crores, including gold and cash. Major seizures were made from Dasarahalli, Shivajinagar, Mahalakshmi Layout, Rajajinagar, BTM Layout and Malleswaram in Bengaluru.

Shamanur still holds sway, but BJP to make it tough for veteran

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davangere



The Davanagere South Assembly constituency is going to witness a high-profile contest between Congress and BJP again this time. The senior-most politician in the state, Dr Shamanur Shivashankarappa -- who is 92 years old, has been representing this constituency successively over the last six elections.

BJP that had consistently been fielding Yeshwanthrao Jadav against Shivashankarappa has changed its candidate this time and given the ticket to former mayor BJ Ajaykumar to put up a tough fight against Congress. Though Ajaykumar had demanded the Davanagere North seat, he was made to contest against the veteran from the South constituency. As a mayor, he has worked closely with people and has got a large amount of funds allotted to the city for development works.

But Shivashankarappa's name and the welfare programmes initiated through his family trust, Bapuji group of institutions, have remained etched in people's minds. Being an easily approachable person is a big positive in favour of Shivashankarappa. He won the last election by a margin of 15,884 votes, but the reluctance of the minority community, which has a sizable number of votes, may make it tough for him this time.

The constituency, which has 2,04,442 votes, has been the traditional bastion of Congress since 1994. Along with the minorities, Lingayat, Maratha, Banjara, Adi Karnataka and Kuruba communities too have a good presence in the constituency. The caste chemistry, like in most other constituencies across the state, will decide the winner here.

Though the minorities had demanded the Congress ticket for their community, Shivashankarappa used his proximity to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and his stronghold over the district Congress to get the ticket again. The community's disappointment may lead to some of their votes getting scattered. The presence of the minority-focused Social Democratic Party of India is also a factor and the party will directly eat into the Congress vote base.

Ajaykumar, though represents the saffron party, is not a hardcore Hindutva ideologist and has a good rapport with the minority community too which could help him in the polls. Ever since his name was finalised, he has been going around the constituency extensively.

Despite all the effort, Shivashankarappa, who too has toured the entire constituency, could still have an upperhand.

Bhaskar Rao's remark raises ethical questions: Ex-cops

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

FORMER Bengaluru City police commissioner and the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate from Chamarajpet, **Bhaskar Rao**'s controversial comment that he is open to seek support from history-sheeter Silent Sunil during elections has drawn sharp reactions from many former police officers.

Plunging into politics after retirement is an individual's choice, said former Director General of Police ST Ramesh, but "a person who had held the top position in the city police joining hands with a person with criminal records to win elections is problematic."

It leads to ethical questions, he said, and tantamounts to justifying criminalisation of politics which is already plaguing the society.

"It also raises questions of conflict of interest - was the police officer dealing with criminals in a professionally while in service? It is bound to dent the already battered image of the police," said Ramesh.

Every vote matters

Former Bengaluru City police commissioner T Suneel Kumar said that retired bureaucrats have to be conscious, but when they are in service, those with criminal records prefer to stay away from the police, but in politics every vote matters.

Three persons, Shailaja (40), her son Tejas (10) and their neighbour Yoganagowda (15), drowned in Madduramma Lake in Valagerehalli village in Maddur taluk on Saturday. While playing, the boys had entered deep water. As they did not know how to swim, they cried for help. Shylaja jumped into the lake to rescue the drowning children but unfortunately all three died

CORRUPTION CASE

Special court grants bail to Virupakshappa

'No breakthrough on source of income'

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Special Court on Saturday granted bail to Channagiri BJP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa in a corruption case registered by the Lokayukta police. While granting bail, the court noted that there has been no breakthrough in the case on the source of income of Rs 6.10 crore seized from the house situated at Sanjay Nagar in Bengaluru and no explanation has been given by MV Mallikarjuna, director of Kanakagiri Mallikarjuna Steels and Stones, to establish the source of the amount.

"It is for the investigating officer to investigate the source of money. It is pertinent to note that Virupakshappa was not arrested while receiving the bribe and he was not trapped but he was arrested pursuant to the rejection of anticipatory bail by the high court on March 27. He was handed over to police custody for five days the very next day till April 1 and then he was remanded to judicial custody.

Another important aspect is that Madal is aged 74 and the medical report shows that he is having a heart disease," said Judge B Jayantha Kumar. The court said the allegation of the prosecution is that MV Prashanth Kumar, the accused No.2, had received a bribe of Rs 40 lakh at the instruction of his father Madal Virupakshappa, the accused No 1 and former chairman of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited. The prosecution also produced the statement of Dr Mahesh, managing director of KS&DL, which primafacie shows the involvement of Madal and interference of his son in the tender process. In spite of that, keeping Madal in the custody for a long period would serve no purpose of the prosecution to investigate the source of Rs. 6.10 crore, the court said, passing the orders to release him on bail, imposing conditions.

Observing that the bail application cannot be rejected on the only ground of allegations of the Lokayukta police that Madal has not cooperated during the investigation, the court said the IO has recorded the statements of Assistant General Manager and staff of KS&DL. But so far, there is no breakthrough on the source of Rs 6.10 crore that was allegedly seized from the bedroom of Madal at his house in Sanjay Nagar.

The counsel of the accused argued they the house where the money was seized does not belongs to Madal. But the court, going through the certificate of incorporation and contents of the sale deeds, said the properties were purchased by Kanakagiri Stones, represented by MV Mallikarjuna -- son of Madal Virupakshappa.

Covid Figures

1,966 Active cases in Karnataka	9,265 Total tests conducted
1,212 Active cases in Bengaluru	(As on April 15)
4.06% Positivity rate	TWO Covid deaths

'Low demand': Pvt hosps not buying vax

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ALTHOUGH the Serum Institute of India (SII) has six million doses of Covovax vaccine in stock and ready to be dispatched to private hospitals, many private hospitals in Bengaluru are uninterested in placing orders due to low demand.

Dr Priya Goutham, Media Director, Fortis Hospitals said that they have not placed orders for any vaccines - Covovax, INCOVACC or Corbevax. Public demand is very less across all hospitals lately, however, doctors are recommending them to get vaccinated from nearby Public Health Centres (PHCs).

Private Hospitals and Nursing Home Association (PHANA), President, Dr Prasanna HM said, the demand for vaccines has been extremely low since the past 5-6 months. No private hospitals in Bengaluru have placed any orders for any vaccines as much of the old Covaxin and Covishield stock got wasted due to low daily footfall in private hospitals as a result of which they had to suffer the loss. Hence, despite the availability of the vaccines, they have shown no interest in placing new orders.

Dr Prasanna further explained that Covid has become endemic now and it is likely to be so for the next ten years where surge in cases will be seen once in every few months. He also said, larger hospital chains like Fortis or Manipal Hospitals are more likely to place orders due to high patient footfall. Currently, the priority of most hospitals is to exhaust the current vaccine stock before procuring new ones.

With the ongoing India-wide Covid surge, few states including Karnataka are planning to procure vaccines. The health officials in Karnataka said that provisions are being made to procure around one lakh vaccine doses.

FINAL ADIEU

KPCC president D K Shivakumar with Congress leader K H Muniyappa and others pay their last respects to former MLA Venkataswamy, who passed away at Sadahalli, Devanahalli, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Dengue, malaria cases up; docs say maintain hygiene, keep area clean

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DOCTORS have witness a gradual rise in dengue and malaria cases. While they reassure that no significant upsurge is being noticed, they warn citizens to be cautious and take necessary precautions by maintaining hygiene and keeping surroundings clean.

Dr Lakshmipathy, General Physician, KC General Hospital said, around 3-4 patients are being reported every day in the hospital. But it is sporadic and not a cause of worry at the moment. "Few patients who come in the outpatient department with fever symptoms might be going unidentified, while in regard to Malaria cases, 1-2 cases are reported daily," he said.

He further explained that with proper medications, most patients recover in a week's time.

Dr Sharif, deputy director, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) said, as of now no major upsurge is seen in Karnataka. Of the total 3,828 samples for dengue tested in the state, only 320 were found to be positive since April 1.

As people tend to store or sprinkle water to keep areas cool during summer, mosquitoes find space to breed increasingly. Due to water shortage, people store water in containers outside their houses and even the unreplaced water in coolers also attract mosquitoes.

Doctors at Victoria Hospital also agreed that a few cases are reported regularly at the hospital. Usually cases are seen during monsoon season, but, since the weather is slightly humid, it has created a good breeding ground for the mosquitoes.

EXPRESS READ

Maid, associates steal gold worth Rs 20 lakh, arrested

Bengaluru : A maid, Shruthi (31), and her associates, S Somashekar alias Soma (29) and M Sidde Gowda alias Devaraju (31), were arrested by the Thalagattapura police in a theft case. The woman, a resident of Kanakapura Road, had stolen gold ornaments worth Rs 20 lakh from her employer's house had given it to to her associates to pledge them. The complaint was filed byTejas, at whose house she worked as a maid. On March 25, Tejas and his wife Sucharita had gone to a function wearing gold ornaments, after which they kept it in a safe. Shruthi had noticed the safe's key and stole the ornaments.

IT dept sleuths raid house of Congress leader in Mangaluru

MANGALURU: Income tax officials raided the house of Congress leader and entrepreneur Vivek Poojary in Mangaluru on Saturday. A team of eight officials of the Income Tax Department arrived in two cars and raided Vivek's house on Saturday morning near Mannagudda. Vivek Poojary is the owner of Panama firm and runs several businesses. The raid was carried out for several hours and documents were verified. IT officials have asked him to produce documents.

'Victim's throat slit for chatting'

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"THEY celebrated the birthday around 3 pm on Friday as the victim had a government holiday for Amebdkar Jayanti. When they were celebrating, the victim got a message on her phone and she started chatting. The frustrated accused questioned her, got into a verbal altercation and slit her throat in the heat of the moment, killing her on the spot," said an officer, who is part of the investigation.

The police, after visiting Prashanth's house, informed her mother. The body was later shifted to the Victoria Hospital's mortuary for postmortem.

The couple from Kanakapura, who were distant relatives, were in a relationship for the last six years.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. **Name of the Borrowers** : **Mrs. Preethi,** D/o. Rathnavelu & **Mr. Yoganand R,** S/o. Rathnavelu,
Demand Notice date : 05.11.2022 **A/c.Nos. HL/2500/37622760246,37622794946**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.51,72,993/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Three only) as on 03.11.2022 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 04.11.2022 and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 12.04.2023
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs. 53,46,114/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Six Thousand One Hundred Fourteen only) as on 07.03.2023 and future interest from 08.03.2023 and expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Regd. Absolute Sale Deed No. BGR-1-00128-2018-19, CD.No.BGRD328 dated 05.04.2018 at SRO Jayanagar (Begooru) Bengaluru.
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.53/1 (vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN.(S.B)(B.H)S.R:93/13-14 dated 13.03.2014 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 0-30 ½ Gunats, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), having Khatha No.25, BBMP Ward No.191 and bounded as follows: East by: Central Prison Property, West by: A Portion of land in Sy.No.53/1, North by: Remaining portion of land in same Sy.No.53/1 measuring 0-14 ½ (Fourteen and Half) Guntas retained by L.Mahesh and South by: Road.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.310 in Third Floor with 3 BHK having super built up area of 1370 Sq.feet with an undivided 376 Sq.feet of share, right, title and interest in the land/Schedule 'A' Property and One Car parking for flat 310 in the stilt/basement floor being the part of the apartment building known as "BLUE BELLS" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, concrete Block Masonry, Main Door Teak frame and Steam breach Veneered flush shutter and room doors Sal wood with water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminium windows with glass and safety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows: East by: Corridor & Flat No.303 & 304, West by: Open to Sky, North by: Flat No.309 and South by: Flat No.311.

2. **Name of the Borrower : Sri. Rajashekhar. M,.**
Demand Notice date :05.11.2022 **A/c.No.:HL/1487/ 38285994607**
Paper Publication Date: On 30.11.2022 in The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha
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Possession Taken date : 15.04.2023
Loan Outstanding amount : **Rs.71,05,791/-** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One only) as on as on 07.03.2023 future interest from 08.03.2023 and expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Absolute Sale Deed No.RRN-1-08825-2018-19, CD No. RRND250, Dated:01.03.2019, SRO:Jayanagar (Rajarajeshwari Nagar), Bengaluru.
'A' SCHEDULE PROPERTY: (Description of the immovable property in which the Residential Flat-in the complex known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" is constructed)
All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No.2561/2047/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, formed in the residentially converted land bearing Survey Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Villag, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk [converted vide Official Memorandum, dated 31.12.1973, No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore], presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and the sites measuring East to West: 70 Feet, North to South: 120 Feet, Total area: 8,400 Square Feet and bounded as follows East : Road, West : Road, North : Site No.197 & Site No.222 and South : Site No.194 & Site No.225.
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The above mentioend borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon.
The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date :15.04.2023 **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, State Bank of India,
Place: Bengaluru RACPC-II, Koramangala, Bengaluru

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DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC. 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

To, Name and address of the Borrower/Mortagagor : 1) M/s. Supreme Packaging Product (Prop : Mrs. Padma Kannan Alias Padmavathi .K W/o. Late Kannan .K, No. 33/1, 8th Main Road, K.N. Extn., Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022. **2) Late Mr. Kannan .K** (Co-obligant/Guarantor) **(Prop : M/s. Klassic Packaging industry**, No. 41/1, 8th Main Road, Gokula I Stage, 4th Phase, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore- 560 022, Karnataka.)
Since deceased/ Estate of the deceased represented by; 2a) Mrs. Padma Kannan Alias Padmavathi .K W/o. Late Kannan .K (Wife & Proprietor), **2b) Mr. Kishan .K** (Son), **2c) Mr. Kishore .K** (Son), **Both Are Residing at :** No. 841/5, BDA No. 841, Site No. 63, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, Off Triveni Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, K.N. Extn., Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore 560022.
Sir/Madam,
Notice under Sec. 13 (2) read with Sec.13 (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
You the addressee No 1 & 2 herein have availed the following credit facilities from our **Mathikere Branch** and failed to pay the dues/instalment/ interest / operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the Income Recognition and Prudential Accounting Norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as on **18.03.2023** As on 18.03.2023 a sum of **Rs. 56,34,252.18/-** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two and Eighteen Paise Only) together with further interest and charges
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2.	UGECL- 199430100016804	Rs. 5,35,072.18	Rs. 5,35,072.18
Total Dues		Rs. 56,34,252.18	Rs. 56,34,252.18

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, you have executed documents on 05-12-2016, 03-02-2018,16-06-2020 and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below.
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Therefore You are hereby called upon in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of **Rs. 56,34,252.18/-** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two and Eighteen Paise Only) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.
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Date : 15.04.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**

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My client informs me that he has lost the original partition deed No. YPR-1-01390- 2015-16 CD No. YPRD116 dated 05/06/2015 at JC Nagar, Bengaluru- 560086. He had also lodged a police complaint in this regard vide lost report No. 0531313/2023 dated 12/04/2023.
In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original document, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address **within 15 days** of the publication of this notice, The general public are cautioned not to act on the basis of the said original document.
D.S. GIRISH, Advocate
No. 79/1, 7th Main, 6th Phase
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Bengaluru-560010.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that, our client **Mr. Raghavendra A.** s/o Ashwath Reddy, #212, Kalappa Layout, Amruthahalli, Pachamma Temple, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560092 has entered into a sale agreement with Mr. Nandeesh Reddy G. s/o Late. T. Govinda Reddy, # 6, Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District under a registered document No. YAN-1-12451-2022-23 registered on 23.01.2023 to purchase a residential site more particularly mentioned in the schedule hereunder (the said property), which has been acquired lawfully/absolutely by oral partition by Late. T. Govinda Reddy from his family members, who have earlier purchased the said property from its previous owners vide a registered sale deed document No. 1570 of 1947-48.
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SCHEDULE
A part of residential Site No.8/8, Ananthapura Village, FORM-B-PROPERTY REGISTER EXTRACT property No. 1030/12/8/8, Old PID No./Khatha No./Survey No. 12/8/8, issued under SAS Base application No. 102104915 & Application No. 1500657881 presently No. 3, BBMP Attur Ward, Bengaluru.
MOHAN PRASAD, Advocate
Contact No. 9632342345,
Email:- legaljunctionblr@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Date: 15.04.2023

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As many as 200 nominations were filed on Saturday across the state to contest the May 10 Assembly polls. Prominent among those who filed papers are CM Basavaraj Bommai, Govind Karjol and Halappa Achar

'RAHUL GANDHI WILL REDUCE THE VOTES FOR HIS OWN PARTY'

EXPRESS Dialogues

TEAM TNIE

BJP General Secretary in charge of Karnataka Arun Singh said they are confident of convincing all those who are angry with not getting the tickets. During an interaction with the editors and reporters of *The New Sunday Express*, Singh said the rebellion will not have any impact on the party's prospects as BJP is a cadre-based party. Excerpts.

What are your views on the rebellion within the party after the announcement of the candidates' list?
In many constituencies, there are four to five aspirants. They have been working in their constituencies for the last many years. If they do not get a seat, their followers will also get upset. It was expected. In BJP, workers work for the ideology. They will get angry, they will calm down. We will convince them. So far, out of 212 names, 66 new faces have been announced. Even sitting MLAs' tickets were changed. Our idea is to give a chance to new faces and also respect the elders.

Will the rebellion impact the party's prospects?
No, it will not have any impact. Ours is a cadre-based party.

What were the criteria for choosing new faces?
There are many things, like how long one is in the party, the work one has done, dedication, qualification, and how well one knows the constituency. Also, social engineering. Everything was considered.

There are allegations that the party has given tickets to some rowdy sheeters in some constituencies...
Nothing as such has come to my notice. Though there were high chances of winnability, some persons were denied tickets as they had some cases. For instance, Madal Virupakshappa had the winnability factor, but still, the party did not choose to give him a ticket.

What are the challenges before BJP now in Karnataka?
Every election, we take it as a challenge. Even though we know that we are winning, we still put more effort into it. We try to overcome our lacunae. We try to increase the victory margin. In Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid more stress on development works, which did not happen earlier. It could be Upper Bhadra, Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, or Vande Bharat trains. We will tell people that Congress' guarantee schemes do not work. Our Vidyanidhi scheme helps students. We will win with a thumping majority by winning more than 130 seats.

How do you see the present KMF-Amul controversy ahead of the Assembly polls?
What I see is that Congress does not have any issue to raise against BJP. That is why Congress is talking about it. Nandini is Karnataka's pride and a big brand. We are with Nandini. If Amul comes, how does it make an impact on Nandini sales? They are just misleading people. Why don't they challenge our schemes and the data including the PM Samman scheme, PM Awas scheme or even the Raitha Vidya Nidhi scheme of Karnataka? Congress is giving false promises everywhere and they are going to lose at the polls. The amount they have announced for their promises is much bigger than the state budget amount.

What are the factors that can help BJP win elections?
One is leadership. We have Narendra Modi's leadership at the national level, besides leaders like JP Nadda, Amit Shah, and Smriti Irani. Next are BJP CMs like Yogi Adityanath. And here, we have the tallest leader BS Yediyurappa and CM Bommai. Where is such leadership in Congress? Rahul Gandhi comes here and he will reduce the votes for his own party. The second factor is our organisational structure from the booth level and dedicated party workers, which the Congress lacks. Then, we have the development model to tell the people. Congress has none of the above, but only huge infighting, be it in Rajasthan or Chhattisgarh. Even here, it is divided as DK Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah and Mallikarjun Kharge have their own groups.

But Congress state in charge Randeep Singh Surjewala is trying to patch them up and he is successful to some extent...
When the leadership is strong and popular, everything will be right. We have PM Modi as our tall leader and we get proper guidance and direction from him. But who is such an inspiring leader to guide the cadres in Congress? Who will listen to the words of Surjewala?

There are charges of corruption. What is the party's plan to deal with them?
We go to the people and ask them if they received the benefits announced under various schemes. For a common man, what matters is whether the benefits announced by the government are reaching his bank account. When it is reaching him, where is corruption? When Congress was in power, people didn't even have bank accounts. Hence, no matter how much Congress speaks about corruption, people know the reality.

What will be the impact of incidents of lynching on the party?
BJP does not tolerate such incidents, acts swiftly against the perpetrators and takes stringent action against them. Such incidents are rare in BJP-ruled states, whereas such incidents have become a daily affair in states ruled by Congress.

BJP seems hesitant to project Basavaraj Bommai as the CM candidate and depends heavily on PM Modi and Amit Shah. Who is the BJP's CM candidate?
Bommai is the head of the campaigning committee and we are going to the people with whatever work he has done. He is leading the campaign in the state. PM Modi is our leader and we work under his leadership across the country as having double-engine governments has several benefits. Wherever there is a non-BJP government, such a government does not implement the Centre's schemes effectively as they think that PM Modi will get the credit and it affects the development of such states.

The party has given tickets to several new faces. Will the same trend continue in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?
That will be decided by the Central Election Committee of the party.

How important is this election for the 2024 Parliament polls?
We have no worries about the 2024 polls in any state. PM Modi's popularity and charisma in every village of the country are such that he is seen as a messiah because of what he has delivered. Nobody can withstand his popularity and there is no doubt of him becoming the PM again. The way the world looks at India has changed and the last-man delivery that happened in his regime was never seen. It will be a one-sided election.

All opposition parties have met and are planning to come together for the 2024 polls. What do you foresee?
This is not the first time. Even before the 2019 elections, they had tried to form an alliance so many times. Whenever Mayawati wins, they say she should become the prime minister. Whenever Mamata Bannerjee wins, they say she should become the prime minister. The same is said when Nitish Yadav or Kejriwal wins. And, everything stops after some days. They keep meeting and discussing. I challenge them to come together and take us on.

Has Rahul Gandhi's disqualification united the opposition?
Rahul's Gandhi's remark on the Modi surname hurt the feelings of OBCs. He should not have made that remark that all with the surname 'Modi' are thieves. Yet he could have sought the apologies of the person who had moved the court against him and it was as simple. If he thinks himself to be a big leader, he should have followed the law of the land and respected the Constitution of the country. But he went on an agitation mode. Who will convince him of all these things? Those who go to convince him (Rahul), he will stop meeting them.

Aam Aadmi Party is raising the issue of PM Modi's qualification with the 'degree dikhao' campaign. What is your take?
Where is AAP? If there is one party that tells more lies it is AAP and it is a party of the bluff as well. The court has penalised the party for that. Its deputy chief minister and minister were all in jail under corruption charges. What is the credibility of that party?

What impact will AAP have in Karnataka this time in the Assembly polls?
It will not make any impact here as it happened in the case of the elections held in the northeastern states and Uttar Pradesh. In Gujarat since there was an aversion against Congress, the AAP got some space. That is too marginal.

But Congress raised the issue of a 40% commission against the Basavaraj Bommai government?
They do not have any other issue and hence are raising this fake issue. By using the CM's picture, launching the 'PayCM' false propaganda is an insult to the state of Karnataka. If they had some evidence, they would have moved the court. What was the problem in it? People do not like this kind of 'PayCM' campaign to corner a simple, gentleman and common man CM Basavaraj Bommai. This will certainly backfire on Congress.

What about the policies of reservation the Bommai government has announced? Is that likely to have an impact on the polls?
See, for the first time in Karnataka BJP gave social justice besides doing social engineering. Though Congress had all the opportunities in the past it did not. The SC reservation was increased by 2% and ST's by 4%. The 4% quota of Muslims was scrapped and 2% each was shared with Lingayats and Vokkaligas. All the religious mutts and their heads are praising us. The Panchamasali Lingayat religious head has also praised the BJP government. Now, what Congress is saying will reverse all this. What is their stand? Will they withdraw all the hike in the reservation we have done for the communities? How can people vote for you (Congress)?

Then, what was the need for Bommai to take the help of actor Sudeep for the campaign?
They (actors) are proud to work under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is not the trend only in Karnataka. It is there elsewhere as a few days ago Andhra Pradesh's former chief minister Kiran Kumar joined BJP.

Will Karnataka's victory open the gate for BJP to make inroads into the other southern states?
Definitely. In November we have polls in Telangana.

How is the Hindutva issue likely to work out for BJP?
Our agenda is only development. If somebody (Congress) does minority appeasement politics we will certainly respond to them. Our motto is *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.*

BJP's bold and risky move to overcome anti-incumbency

JUST a little over three weeks before the polls, the ruling BJP appears to be in a state of flux after the announcement of its candidates for the May 10 assembly elections. Many of its leaders openly expressed displeasure over not getting the tickets, their supporters hit the streets in protest and some seniors quit the party.

Top BJP leaders will be working overtime to end the crisis as the party's prospects are directly linked to its ability to fix internal issues quickly. Its candidates, especially a large number of new faces, need time to prepare the ground to take on Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) candidates.

Unlike in many other states, Congress in Karnataka is quite formidable and well-equipped to exploit any faultlines in the BJP camp. The JDS is also a big force in Old Mysuru as well as some constituencies in other areas. In many ways, the BJP's candidates' selection strategy is a bold and risky move. It is a clear attempt to overcome the anti-incumbency. It reflects the party's aim to retain power as well as maintain the continuity of the party's tradition of rewarding its workers. The logic is that many seniors who are upset over being benched had already reached top positions or been in power for many years, and BJP expects them to make way for others.

However, it is not that straightforward in all cases. Winnability and accommodating those who helped the party form its government in 2019 seem to have played a major role.

Take the example of Laxman Savadi, a Lingayat leader from Belagavi who joined Congress on Friday. The BJP made him DyCM in 2019 and gave him key portfolios even after he had lost the 2018 assembly elections. At one point many thought the party was grooming him to be the next big Lingayat leader after BS Yediyurappa. But that equation slowly changed after the leadership change in state in 2021 when he was dropped from the ministry. Now, when it came to choosing between Savadi and former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, the party went with the latter. Despite putting the party in an embarrassing situation over a sleaze video that forced his exit from the cabinet, BJP considers Jarkiholi a force to reckon with in the district that has 18 assembly segments. His close aide Mahesh Kumatalli was given the BJP ticket in the Athani assembly segment in Belagavi resulting in Savadi's exit from BJP.

While Congress is going gaga over its new acquisition, BJP does not seem to be that concerned about the damage that Savadi or other veterans, who were asked to make way for the few faces, could cause. Many in the party feel such a strategy should have been implemented by taking seniors into confidence and giving adequate time for fresh faces to prepare the ground. That would have helped the party avoid the situation that it is in today. Even in Coastal Karnataka, where BJP leaders fully depend on the party to win elections, many openly expressed displeasure, although they eventually fell in line.

Also, the delay in announcing all candidates showed confusion and lack of clarity. That is also the case with its strategy of fielding heavyweight ministers against the Congress' chief ministerial candidates. It is a move with good intentions to grow the party in the region where it is weak. But, if the BJP was serious about giving a tough fight to the Congress stalwarts and making an attempt to breach into their fortresses, it should have sent that message by fielding its leaders in just one constituency each.

Housing Minister V Somanna is contesting against former CM Siddaramaiah in Varuna and also in Chamarajanagar. Revenue Minister R Ashoka is contesting against state Congress president DK Shivakumar in Kanakapura and his home constituency Padmanabhanagar in Bengaluru. For now, it looks more like a test for its leaders to prove their political mettle outside of their comfort zones in Bengaluru. If they give a good fight in Congress leaders' safe seats, their stock in BJP would go up.

It all depends on the efficient execution of the party's strategy on the ground, rather than just depending on the big rallies to change the tide, though such rallies will have some impact on the morale of the cadre.

Now, as Congress and JDS are trying to make the most of the uncertainties in BJP, the ruling party's well-oiled machinery will do everything to ensure that its strategy works.

If one has to draw some analogy from a high-intensity cricket match, the difference between a sixer and a catch on the boundary line is just a few yards.

KSE treated badly by BJP, says Siddaramaiah

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CONGRESS Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah on Saturday said senior BJP leader and MLA KS Eshwarappa was treated badly by the saffron party. Speaking to reporters here, Siddaramaiah also took a jibe at the senior legislator from Shivamogga for the latter's remark that the former chief minister did not have a constituency to fight the 2023 Assembly elections. "Now, even he (Eshwarappa) does not have a constituency. I feel bad for him. He is my rival in politics... but he has worked hard for his party (BJP). BJP has treated him, Laxman Savadi and Jagadish Shettar in a bad manner," he added.

The Badami MLA said Eshwarappa strengthened the BJP in the state and had a RSS background. "He has been a deputy CM, senior minister and leader of the opposition. He does not deserve such a treatment," he elaborated. Eshwarappa quit electoral politics recently just weeks ahead of the May 10 Assembly polls.

When asked if senior BJP leader Jagadish Shettar would join the Congress, Siddaramaiah said he was not aware of the developments in the BJP. On the deadline set by Shettar to his party, Siddaramaiah said he has not spoken to Shettar.

On the Karnataka government scrapping the 4% quota for Muslims in the state, he said the matter was subjudice. "But what the government did is wrong. We do not oppose the reservation given to Vokkaligas and Lingayats...but they cannot do it by cancelling the quota meant for Muslims," he said.

He said the present BJP State Government was the most corrupt that he has seen. "Senior leader RV Deshpande and I are contesting the elections for the ninth time only to defeat the BJP," he said.

Jagadish Shettar in talks with Dharmendra Pradhan, Basavaraj Bommai, and Prahlad Joshi in Hubballi on Saturday | D HEMANTH

Past 2-3 months worst days of my political career, says Shettar

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ON Saturday morning, Shettar held a meeting with his followers and well-wishers. They expressed their confidence in him and authorised him to take any decision, while assuring him that they would be with under any conditions. Shettar later told reporters that the past two-three months were the worst days of his political career. But, he said, he hopes to retire in good time. While talking to party leaders, he is said to have expressed his anguish and informed them that he should not have encountered such a humiliating situation. Shettar said he wants to contest the election not for money, power or position, but to complete pending projects in his constituency.

A day after joining Congress, Savadi gets ticket, Hubballi Central on hold

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AS Congress released its third list of 43 candidates on Saturday, former deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi has been given the ticket to contest from the Athani Assembly constituency, which was denied to him by BJP, leading him to quitt the saffron party.

The Grand Old Party has kept the Hubballi-Dharwad Central seat vacant expecting former chief minister Jagadish Shettar to join the party. If at all Shettar joins Congress, Belagavi Rural MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar's close relative Rajath Ullagaddimath will have to let go of his ambition.

Kolar, which had become a hot seat after Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah announced he would contest from there, witnessed protests by his supporters as the ticket went to former Mulbagal MLA Kothur G Manjunath. Manjunath cannot contest from Mulbagal, which is a SC reserved seat, as he suffered a setback in a case of fake SC certificate against him.

Congress has not announced a candidate for Mulbagal yet. "It will be given to a person Manjunath chooses. It could also be his cousin Manjusri, who is a close confidant of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar," a source said.

Veteran leader RV Devaraj will run from Chickpet constituency in Bengaluru.

Former minister and actor Umashree has been denied the ticket from Terdal in Bagalkot district. Instead, a new face, Siddappa Ramappa Konnur, has been picked.

Former MLA KM Shivalinge Gowda will be fielded from Arasikere. KM Uday, who allegedly helped former chief minister BS Yediyurappa form the government by bringing down the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) government in 2019, has been given the ticket from Maddur.

Farmer leader NH Konarreddy, former minister CS Shivalli's wife Kusumavathi (Kundagol), 82-year-old Revunaik Belamagi (Kalaburagi Rural SC seat), Margaret Alva's son Nivedit Alva (Kumta), former minister Motamma's daughter Nayana (Mudigere) and Youth Congress leader Hampan Gowda Badarli (Sindhanur) are among prominent figures in the list.

Congress has kept 15 seats vacant, including Pulikeshi Nagar in Bengaluru, as sitting MLA R Akhanda Srinivas Murthy has been facing the wrath of Muslims over the DJ Halli riots. AC Srinivas, who lost in Mahadevapura in 2018 and an aspirant for the Devanahalli seat, may get the ticket, a source said.

Curfew & no internet hit normal life in Sambalpur

People rush to ATMs to withdraw cash, online classes by centres

A deserted road in Sambalpur during the curfew on Saturday | EXPRESS

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CURFEW coupled with an extended suspension of internet services has taken a toll on normal lives of people in Sambalpur city.

Long queues were seen at Sambalpur railway station as those willing to go out of the city for their work or out of sheer panic had to rush for reservation since tickets could not be booked online. Similarly, people also rushed to ATMs to withdraw cash for emergency.

Internet services were suspended on April 13 following the violence that took place the previous evening during a bike rally taken out on the eve of Hanuman Jayanti. While internet was working on several phones till April 13 evening, it was completely shut down by the morning of April 14.

Coaching centres conducting online classes came to a standstill in absence of internet connectivity. Students, techies and other professionals who work from home were left at their wit's end without internet services.

Though only internet has been suspended in the city, people faced severe network issues and call drops. The good old SMS though came as a great help in contacting dear ones who were out of Sambalpur, said a resident of the city.

After curfew was imposed, people faced inconvenience while fetching essentials and at fuel stations as UPI or card payments were not operational. Some ATM kiosks were not working due to server failure while many others had run out of cash. The suspension of internet suspension will continue till April 17 morning. The two relaxation windows on the first day of curfew saw very few people on the streets as the denizens were gripped with panic due to the violence that rocked the city in the last three days.

Last curfew was 31 yrs ago

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IT was 31 years back people of Sambalpur had last experienced a curfew which was outcome of a custodial death. During Sital Sasthi celebrations in the month of June 1992, police detained a person on charges of snatching during the festival. The very next day, the suspect died in police custody.

As the incident triggered resentment among the deceased's area, an irate mob ransacked Dhanupali Police Station.

Subsequently, when the body of the custodial death victim was being taken in an open jeep, another spate of ransacking took place around Ashoka Talkies area of the city.

Situation started deteriorating as rampant loot and snatching occurred in VSS Marg and Ashoka Talkies area in retaliation. As a last resort, the district administration imposed curfew across the city.

However, though tension in the city appeared to settle following the curfew imposition, the very next day, a firecracker godown on the outskirts was set on fire by some unidentified miscreants. The fire led to a huge explosion which shook the whole city. This led to an extension of the curfew.

Man kills son in TN for marrying SC girl

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IN a case of suspected 'honour killing', a 50-year-old caste Hindu man hacked to death his 28-year-old son, who married a Scheduled Caste girl, at Arunapathy village near Uthangarai in Krishnagiri early on Saturday. While Dhandapani also murdered his 65-year-old mother, his daughter-in-law Anusha, who suffered grievous injuries, is being treated at Government Dharmapuri Medical College Hospital. Police identified the deceased as D Subash (28) and P Kannammal (65).

According to police sources, the accused allegedly tried to commit suicide by slashing his neck near Hanumantheertham village late on Saturday. He was secured by the Uthangarai police and admitted to Uthangarai GH. Based on a complaint by Anusha, the police have filed a murder and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act case against Dhandapani.

According to Uthangarai DSP Amala Advin, Subash fell in love with Anusha (24), a SC girl from Ariyalur district who was staying near Subash's house in Tiruppur. The couple got married on March 27.

According to sources, Subash's father Dhandapani was not happy with his son's inter-caste love marriage. Two weeks back, Subash started a new job as a bank agent in Tirupattur and the couple moved to Tirupattur.

Dhandapani, who was working as a tailor in Tiruppur, came to Arunapathy last week and asked his mother Kannammal to invite the couple to her home. On Friday evening, Subash and Anusha came to Kannammal's house in Arunapathy. According to sources, Dhandapani interacted with the couple and even served them palm fruits.

However, in the wee hours of Saturday, Dhandapani attacked his son and mother with a sickle and also tried to kill his daughter-in-law, who managed to escape.

The police sent the bodies of the victims to Uthangarai GH for a postmortem. The injured Anusha, who was sent to Krishnagiri Medical College Hospital, was later referred to Government Dharmapuri Medical College Hospital on Saturday evening.

HOT AND DRY

A local shop vendor checks a broken waterpump for ground water in Marina Beach as temperatures soar in Tamil Nadu touching 40 degrees Celsius | P RAVIKUMAR

SIT finds Gr I exam paper in couple's house

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THE special investigation team (SIT), constituted to probe the TSPSC question paper leak case, has made another major progress. A team of SIT officials found one Group I question paper in the house of K Loukik and his wife Susmita in Raparthingar in Khammam.

According to sources, the SIT team spent three hours in their house, searching for more evidence for the leak of the question papers.

The SIT took Loukik and Susmitha, who have already been arrested, into their custody through a court order for investigation. The SIT has arrested all those who secured more than 100 out of 150 marks in the Group I preliminary exam. Both Loukik and Susmitha also took the TSPSC Group I examination.

Meanwhile, a city court permitted the Enforcement Directorate on Saturday to take the two prime accused in the case into custody.

While the SIT is investigating the case, the ED has also taken up an investigation, suspecting money laundering. The two prime accused in the case – Praveen and Rajashekar – will be questioned for two days by the ED officials. The court in its order granting the ED two-day custody of the couple directed the officials to question the duo on April 17 and 18 in jail.

NO SIDDU IN KOLAR

Cong workers vandalise party office

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DISGRUNTLED Congress workers on Saturday vandalised Kolar Congress party office after the party's third list was announced, and the top brass decided to field Kothur Manjunath from Kolar and not Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah.

The group also raised slogans against Congress leadership.

Meanwhile, KPCC president DK Shivakumar visited Kolar to oversee arrangements for Rahul Gandhi's Jai Bharat event and faced heat from a group of minority leaders.

They said that they were expecting Siddaramaiah will contest from Kolar, and questioned why senior Congress leaders and workers were not consulted before announcing the ticket.

Shivakumar spoke to local leaders, and later visited the house of youth Congress leader Praveen Gowda, and held talks with senior Congress leaders including Anil Kumar, Nazeer Ahmed, Ashishek Dutty, Kothur Manjunath and also KPCC Working president Saleem Ahmed.

SIMHA SLAMS PARAMESHWARA FOR SEEKING SDPI SUPPORT

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MYSURU-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha slammed former deputy chief minister **G Parameshwara** for seeking support of SDPI in the assembly elections.

Speaking to media persons here on Saturday, Simha said Parameshwara has sought the support of extremist group PFI's political wing SDPI to Congress.

"Parameshwara has called Muslims to support Congress in the assembly election. He had served as a home minister and the Deputy CM. What message he is trying to give by seeking support from SDPI. Just to come to power, he is seeking support of a banned organisation's political wing. Is Congress trying to make the state like Bihar or Uttar Pradesh in the past," he said.

The two-time MP said after SIMI was banned, PFI and KFD were started in South India.

"The political wing of this organisation is SDPI. As there were reports that PFI was involved in political killings in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, the Central government banned the organisation in 2022. Congress is making alliances with anti-national organisations," he said.

Asserting that PFI, KFD and SDPI were involved in the murder of several Hindu activists in the state, the MP alleged that the activists of these organisations are like adopted children of Siddaramaiah.

"The Congress is trying to bring a Taliban government in Karnataka with the support of SDPI. People should be cautious. SDPI claims that India will be an Islamic state by 2047. If Congress comes to power in the state, there will be a rise in political murders in the state," he said.

Simha said Housing Minister V Somanna will be filing nominations from Varuna while L Nagendra from Chamaraja segment on April 17. "Somanna will end the 15 years 'darbar' of the father and son (Siddaramaiah and Yathindra Siddaramaiah) in Varuna. BJP will win at least eight seats in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts," he said.

BJP Mysuru District president Srivatsava and Chamundeshwari constituency candidate V Kavish Gowda were present.

Shah confidant observer for Somanna's campaign

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WITH Housing Minister V Somanna facing former chief minister Siddaramaiah in Varuna and Chamarajanagar constituencies, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has deputed his confidant Dilip Kumar Jaiswal as the central observer to manage the campaign and work closely with the cadres.

The party is campaigning aggressively in Varuna constituency, dominated by Lingayats, Dalits, Schedule Tribes, Kuruba, and other communities to cut into traditional Congress votes. The party has also planned to bring in Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai, Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa and a set of other Dalit leaders to campaign, and also galvanise anti-Siddaramaiah forces within the Congress to aim for a repeat of Chamundeshwari election results. Somanna and his company have been told to keep Siddaramaiah busy in Varuna so that he is unable to campaign across the state.

Jaiswal has asked the cadres to give him daily updates about Chamarajanagar development, defuse dissidence, rope in community leaders, and if the aspirants do not fall in line, ensure that the campaigning is not hit in Chamarajanagar as Somanna will be tied up in Varuna.

Meanwhile, Somanna began his campaigning in Chamarajanagar on Saturday, which will continue for two days. His wife Shyala called on BJP leader and ticket aspirant Nagashree Pratap to seek her support. Family members are preparing for a massive rally while he files his nomination on April 19.

Many migrate to work in coffee estates

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A SIMILAR situation prevails at Pudur, Gopinatham, Palar and other border villages as many families work in textile mills at Tirupur, Erode and other towns in Tamil Nadu.

There are 32 tribal hamlets in Hunsur constituency and more than 7,000 voters have migrated to neighbouring Kodagu district and Wayanad in Kerala to work in coffee estates. Ramu, a tribal leader, said local tribal leaders and panchayat members associated with major political parties have been promised handsome wages and other perks to bring those voters and make them vote in favour of their candidates. Leaders of BJP, Congress and JDS, and some independent candidates have gathered information in 120 tribal hamlets at Heggadadevanakote, Saragur and parts of Nanjangud taluks. They have started distributing pamphlets and "guarantee" cards in these taluks as well as Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar and Kollegal taluks.

Sameer, a resident of DB Kuppe, said some panchayat members have booked vehicles to bring back migrant voters residing in Kodagu and Wayanad. Nallore Mani, a Congress leader, hoped that migrant voters would return if their villages received good pre-monsoon showers. They would come back and start tilling their land.

K'taka tops in Fasal Bima, over ₹687cr claims settled

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KARNATAKA was declared topper in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme, during a national conference in Chhattisgarh.

The award was handed over to the state government on April 14, but was made public on April 15.

Agriculture department officials said that Rs 687.4 crore of 5.66 lakh farmers have been settled, pending since 2018.

In 2021 Kharif season, 13.15 lakh farmers had enrolled in the scheme. The numbers increased to 23.86 lakh in 2022. Officials said there has been a 47.74 per cent increase in the enrolment.

The officials said that in 2021 Kharif season, 13.35 lakh hectares area were insured which increased to 18.94 lakh hectares, a 41.8 per cent rise.

The common service centres have also seen an enrolment of 4.66 lakh non-loanee farmers over the last six years.

Officials said that the central government has noted that for 2022 Kharif season, 5.60 lakh farmers, whose incurred losses due to natural calamities were compensated before December 2022. Insurance claims of Rs 298.57 crore were settled under the add-on coverage including prevented sowing, localised calamities, mid-season adversity and post-harvest loss claims.

"The department has taken all measures to reduce the time for enrolment and payment. For 2023 Kharif season, the state government has released its advance share of Rs 951 crore for PMFBY scheme implementation," the official added.

Cong candidate injured in accident, out of danger

Kalaburagi: Former minister Babu Rao Chinchansoor, Congress candidate from Gurmitkal Assembly constituency, sustained injuries in an accident near Kalaburagi AIR Center Friday night. Sources said Chinchansoor was heading to Kalaburagi from Yadgir, when one of the tires hit a ditch and the car skidded. Chinchansoor sustained injuries to his leg and face. The former minister was brought to United Hospital. His condition is improving and he is out of danger, doctors told TNSE.

Release water: K'taka to Maha

ENS @Belagavi

The state government requested Maharashtra to release water from Warna/Koyna reservoir to Krishna river and from Ujjaini reservoir to Bhima river for drinking water for North Karnataka regions.

Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department informed the Maharashtra government that Northern Karnataka districts are facing acute shortage of drinking water. The Maharashtra government should direct the release of 3tmc water from Warna/Koyna reservoir to and 3tmc water from Ujjaini reservoir to Bhima river.

19-year-old engg student dies in hostel, 1 in custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Nellore:

THE suspicious death of a 19-year-old engineering student, who died in her hostel room in Nellore on April 8, came to light on Saturday with the police filling a case and taking one person into custody.

According to police, the student allegedly delivered a female baby in her hostel room and fell ill. The hostel inmates informed the staff and the student was rushed to a nearby hospital and then to ACSR Medical College in Nellore city where the doctors declared her brought dead. Nellore rural Police booked case under Section 174 of CrPC and during investigation, they found the student allegedly fell in love with one of the staff of the college, Sasi Kumar. She got impregnated and her lover tried to abort the pregnancy by giving her pills. However, it did not work and she delivered a seven months female baby in her hostel room on April 8.

In the process, both died, police said. They have recovered the foetus in a dust bin.

The girl hails from Nellore district and allegedly fell in love with one of the staff who was also a driver in the college, and hailed from Ananthasagaram mandal. The accused had allegedly falsely made marriage promise to her.

EXPRESS READ

Pass women's quota bill by '24 polls: Gowda

Bengaluru : JDS supremo and former PM HD Deve Gowda urged PM Narendra Modi to consider passing the women's reservation bill before the 2024 General Elections. "I recently wrote to the PM requesting him to consider reintroducing the Bill. I had taken it up first in 1996. It will be the first best thing to do as we move into new Parliament building," Gowda tweeted. His letter to the PM, dated April 10, was released on Saturday. "To accord one third reservation to women in legislative assemblies and parliament is an idea whose time has come," he stated in the letter. Gowda said that when the EC announced polls in Karnataka recently.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public at large that my client **Sri Govindaraju E.**, son of Yellappan Wadeyar, resident of No.16, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Basavanapura, C.K.Palya Road, Gottigere, Bhannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore, is intending to buy the land measuring 0.28 guntas, in Survey No. 8, Hullukasavanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli,Anekal Taluk, Bagalore District from Sri Munikrishna Y. son of Yellappa, Smt. Chandramma, Priyanka and Nikith residents of Ramasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District of for a valid consideration. It is hereby notified to the general public if any person has any objections for the purchase of the said land by my client, it is informed to the general public to submit their objections with all documents to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this Public notice. Failure to receive any objections within the said stipulated period, my client shall proceed further for completion of sale transaction. Any objections received after 10 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 8, Hullukasavanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bagalore District measuring 0.28 guntas, (one gunta Kharab) bounded on

East by : Sharadamma, Thippa Reddy and Ramakrishna Land

West by: Lands of Govindaraju and Kalenahalli Chinnappa

North by : Lands of S.N. Sampangirama Reddy and Rajakaluve

South by : Land of Kalenahalli Chinnappa Reddy and Chandra Reddy

HARISH N.M. Advocate
No.27, 1st Floor, New BDA Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore. Mobile 9035476848

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client is intend to purchase the Property No.3, 3rd Cross, Haines Road, Bengaluru which is morefully described in the schedule herein mentioned below from its owner Mr. Abdul Javeed S/o. Abdul Majeeb, No.3, 3rd Cross, Haines Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 051 for valuable consideration.

If any person or persons have any claim in any manner whatsoever they will file a legal objections with valid documents to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication. If objections are received my client will purchase the property from Abdul Javeed as absolute owner and later on no claim will be entertain.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the eastern portion bearing No.3, PID No.91-55-3, 3rd Cross, Haines Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 051, measuring on Eastern Side : 16 ft 6 inches, Western Side : 20 feet, North to South: 33 feet bounded on the

East by : 3rd Cross Haines Road, **West by :** Western portion of the Property No.3 Belonging to Abdul Sattar, **North by :** Private property, **South by :** Private Property.

RIYAZ AHMED SHAREEFF, T.C. SHIVAPRASAD, S.S. SHAD,
Advocates
No. 10/1, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Fort Road, Near Basappa Circle, Bengaluru-560 002.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
UPPER INDRAVATI PROJECT, AT/PO: MUKHIGUDA
DIST:KALAHANDI ODISHA, PIN: 766026

A-31 **e-mail address: cceulp1987@gmail.com/oulipbbsr@gmail.com**

1. Type of Work : Building works
2. Total No. of Works : 01 nos.
3. Approximate value of work : Rs. 3,68,44,060.00 (Excluding GST)
4. Tender Paper Cost : Rs. 10,000/-(online)
5. Bid Security/E.M.D : Rs.3,68,500/-(Online)
6. Period of Completion : 08 (Eight calendar months).
7. Class of Contractor : A Class

Procurement Officer	e-procurement Notice No.	Bid Amount	Availability of online viewing of Tender prior to Bidding		Pre Bid conference as well as last date for seeking clarification	Submission & Availability bid on-line	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid
			From	To			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chief construction Engineer, Upper Indravati Project, AT/ Po- Mukhiguda, Dist- Kalahandi, Odisha, Pin- 766026	CCE, UIP, 01(01)/2023-24, Dt. 12.04.2023	Rs. 3,68,44,060 (excluding GST)	17.04.2023 (10.00 AM)	24.04.2023 up to 5.00 PM	24.04.2023 11.30 AM in the O/O the CCE, UIP, Mukhiguda	25.04.2023 (10.00 AM) to 10.05.2023 (up to 5.00 PM)	11.05.2023 at 11.00 AM

Date of opening of technical bid Dt-11.05.2023 at 11.00 AM in the 0/0 the Chief Construction Engineer, UIP, Mukhiguda, Kalahandi, Odisha, PIN-766026, Date of opening of financial bid To be decided after finalization of Technical Bid. Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website **www. tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Upper indravati project, Mukhiguda OIPR-32352/11/0001/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.H.RANGASWAMAIAH S/o late Huccharangaiah, residing at No.10/9, Kannasandra, Kenchaiahnapalya, Mdigondanahalli, Ramanagar District, has lost original Sale Deed dated 13.07.2015 executed by Smt.Tara, Sri.R.Veerabhadra, Sri.R.Ganesh, Smt.R.Devi in favour of Sri.Varadaraj, which is registered as Document No.MDL-1-02615-2015-16, in Book-1, stored in CD No.MDLD189, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru, pertaining to the Schedule Property.

If any person is in possession of the same, the same may kindly be hand it over to me or to my client within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. In the meanwhile Public and Financial Institutions are hereby put in notice, not to have any kind of dealings or create any charges based on the above documents without our knowledge.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.2, New Khata No.857, Old Khata No.14, Asssessment No.64/4, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq. ft., situated at Kittanahalli Grama Panchayati, Ravuttanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, bounded on: East by: Site No.1, West by: Site No.3, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

C.A. AJITH, Advocate,
AJITH LAW CHAMBERS,
No.17, 5th Cross, Near Buddha Park, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 3rd Block, Bengaluru - 560 072. Ph.: 9900944007
E-mail: ca.ajith.adv@gmail.com
Bengaluru, Date: 15/04/2023

RFP No. 806 Dated. 15.4.2023
VT-IV-1/2023

State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

KK-18: RFP is invited from Eligible and Experienced Bidders for **Selection of Agency to Develop and support Integrated websites of Four Units/Authorities associated with SCTE&VT.**

Bidders may view and study the RFP document containing the detailed terms & conditions from the website **https:// sctevtodisha.nic.in/en/** to be available from 17/4/2023. The bids are to be submitted as per procedure given in this document.

OIPR-44002/11/0004/2324 **Sd/- Vice-Chairman**

RFP No. 803 Dated. 15.4.2023
VT-I-15/2022

State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

KK-17: RFP is invited from Eligible and Experienced Bidders or Agencies for **Selection of Integrated Support Centre Service Provider (ISCSP) for Polytechnics & ITI's in Odisha.**

Bidders may view and study the RFP document containing the detailed terms & conditions from the website https:// sctevtodisha.nic.in/en/ to be available from **17/4/2023.** The bids are to be submitted as per procedure given in this document.

OIPR-44002/11/0003/2324 **Sd/- Vice-Chairman**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre/ III
Banaswadi, Maruthi Mansion, 7M/422, 80 feet Road, Kalyan Nagar
Bengaluru-560043, Tel:080-25943791, Fax:080-25943793 , Email: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

(UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

At your request, State Bank of India through its **OMR K R Puram Branch,** Bengaluru has extended credit facility to **Sri. Opinderdeep Singh,** S/o. Sri Kulwant Singh, (Borrower),credit facility by way of financial assistance against asset creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facility and the security agreement/documents executed by the borrower is furnished in the demand notice dated **24.03.2023**. The said financial assistance is also secured by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the secured asset is specifically furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facility has become irregular, the debts has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **20.03.2023** in accordance with the directives/ guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated **24.03.2023** sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued. The account has been transferred from OMR K R Puram Branch, Bengaluru to Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (RACPC-III), Banaswadi, Bengaluru for administrative reasons and hence the undersigned is competent to issue this publication.

A/c Nos. HTL: 38980002512

Name and address of the Borrower: Sri. Opinderdeep Singh, S/o. Sri Kulwant Singh, House No. 687-A, Sector 68, Mohali, SAS Nagar, Punjab- 160 062. Also, at: - ii. No. 332, Davis Road, TARNET, VICTORIA 3029. AUSTRALIA. iii. QALITY LIMOS , Employee Code: 965524, Designation: Operation Manager, Department: Operations, Suite 3, Level 8, 179 Queen St Melbourne, Victoria 3000. AUSTRALIA. iv. "JCN BRUNDAVANA" Apartment, No. A-07, Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore- 562 110.

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.4,20,17,348/- (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight only) as on 23.03.2023 plus interest at contractual rate together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.

Schedule of Property Mortgaged:

ITEM No:1 All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No. 60/5, measuring to an extent of 0-31.5 Guntas situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/ 2006-2007 dated 26.10.2009 By Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Land belongs to Mariyamma, **West by**: Sy. No. 59, **North by**: Land belongs to Subbaiah and **South by**: Land belongs to Appayanna.

ITEM No:2 All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No. 59, measuring to an extent of 0-14.5 Guntas out of 17.5 Guntas, situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26.10.2009 By Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Land belongs to Muninarayanappa, **West by**: Land belongs to Munihanumakka, **North by**: Doddaballapura Main Road and **South by**: Land belongs to Jayamma and Gopal.

ITEM No:3 All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No. 59, measuring to an extent of 0-17.25 Guntas out of 34.75 Guntas, situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26.10.2009 By Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Land belongs to Jayamma and Gopal, **West by**: Land belongs to Muniyappa, **North by**: Mumhanumakka and **South by**: Land belongs to Narayanappa.

Item No. 1, 2 & 3 totally measuring 2 acres 20.75 Guntas out of which only 2 Acres 18 Guntas is converted for residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26.10.2009 By Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (Property conveyed under this Deed) (SITE) 2800 Sq. Ft undivided right, Title, interest in the and comprised in the Schedule-A Property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY (Property conveyed under this Deed) (BUILT UP AREA) All that piece and parcel of Residential Villa bearing No. A-07 of "JCN BRUNDAVANA" Bearing Sy. No. 59 and 60/5 situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, converted for residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26.10.2009 and its ward No. 9, Division 1, Municipality Katha No. 195/59/60/5 and approved by BIAAPA planning Authority, Devanahalli vide its No. BIAAPA/TPI/AN/LAO/10/2015-16/4022 dated: 22.01.2016 constructed on Schedule-A property, Villa Consisting of Basement 1086 sq.ft Ground Floor 1226 sq.ft, First Floor 1226 Sq.ft, Second Floor 743 Sq. ft, totally 4281.57 sq.ft with Four Bedrooms, a Kitchen, Four Bathrooms, a Dining Hall, Lift, Home Theatre Room, Servant Quarters, in a super built up area and with proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies and other areas of common use in Schedule – A Property, separate electricity and bounded on: **East by:** Entrance Garden, **West by**: Camanaria Garden, **North by**: Villa No. 8 of 'A' Block and **South by**: Villa No. 6 of 'A' Block. standing in the name of Sri. Opinderdeep Singh.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
RACPC-III, Banaswadi, BENGALURU

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 13.04.2023

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004.
Phone No.: 080-22956419/ 22956420, E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

Borrower Name and Address :1. Dr. V. SRIHARI, #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Extension, Mysore-570 019. **Clinic address: Dr.V.Srihari – Dentist, M/s. Tooth Comforts,** No.12, ALN Complex, Brindavan Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore – 560 070. **2. NARAYANA SWAMY – Applicant, 3. JAYAMMA - Guarantor**, Both 2 & 3 are deceased Represented by their Legal Heirs **A) SMT. PUSHPAVALLI,** # 32/4, 1st 'D' Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Subramanayapura Post, Bangalore-560 061. **B) SMT. HEMAVATHI,** HIG.No, 18, Dr Rajkumar Road, K.H.B Colony, kalyanagiri, Mysore-570 029. **C) SMT. SUJATHA,** #233, T Narasipura Road, Police Layout, opp to Doctor's Layout, Nethajinagara, Mysore-570 011. **D) SMT. SHANTHALA,** #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Layout, Mysore-570 019.

We **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari III Stage Branch, Bangalore,** had at your request granted you, various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance you have created security interest in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari III Stage Branch Bangalore** interalia, by way of Mortgage of immovable property by executing necessary security Documents/agreements. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreements and documents entered into by you all with **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreements/ Documents and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreements and Documents. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** as a Non Performing Asset on **01.05.2015** consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs.1,46,05,812/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Only) as on **31.03.2023** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum of **Rs.1,46,05,812/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Only) as on **31.03.2023** together with further interest thereon with effect from **01.04.2023** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings/auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl No.	A/c No	Sanction Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 31.03.2023 repayable by you
1	MLREP1-11878	**Rs. 50,00,000/-**	**Rs.1,46,05,812/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Six lakhs Five Thousand Eight hundred and Twelve Only) together with further interest thereon with effect from **01.04.2023** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

ANNEXURE-II

SCHEDULE : All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.81, North East of Mahadevapura Extension, Mysore, measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2760 Sq. feet and building thereon & bounded on :- East by : Site No.82, West by : Site No.80, North by : Site No.73, South by : Road.

Date : 15.04.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank ALLAHABAD

Malleswaram Branch
No.15, Saraswathi Complex, 5th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas,the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 10.01.2023 Calling upon the borrowers **Smt. Nalini Harish** residing at Dhruvah Apartment, Flat A, Second and Third floor 9 Duplex), site No.77, UAS Pvt layout, 1st Main,6th cross, Nagashettyhalli,Bangalore to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.36,93,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand only)** as on 09.01.2023 and interest at the agreed rate from 10.01.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / hereunder Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **12th day of April of the year 2023.**

We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed There under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs.37,80,203/-** as on 11.04.2023 and interest thereon from 12.04.2023.

Mortgaged Asset: Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of property/ Residential apartment bearing No.A in the second floor admeasuring a total super built up area of 1925 Sq.ft. in the multistoried residential apartment building known as DHRUVAH APARTMENT, inclusive of proportionate share in the common area such as passages lobbies,lift, staircase and other areas of common area constructed on the total property site No.77, presently BBMP Khata No.77, PID No:100-733-77, in the layout formed by the University of Agriculture Sciences Employees House Builidng Co-Operative Society Ltd., approved by BDA, vide resolution No.699 dated 22.10.1975 situated at 1st main, 6th cross, Nagashettihalli Village, IAS Private Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk with one car parking space and together with 616 Sq.ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the total property:-

Total property measuring: East to West : 40feet, North to South: 60 feet,Totally measuring: 2400 Sq.ft And total property bounded on:- On the North by: Site No.78 On the South by: Site No.76,On the East by: Site No.82,On the West by: Road

Date: 12/04/2023 **Chief Manager / Authorized Officer**
Place:Bangalore **Indian Bank, Malleswaram Branch**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: CIWAN STRATEGY PRIVATE LIMITED Company, having its registered office at: No.004, Lelehzar Apartment, 45/1, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560009.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No.90/1 measuring 1 Acre 34 Guntas,** situated at **Ilthore Village,** Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.90/2
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.99
South by : Land bearing Sy.Nos.96, 91 and 89

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No.99 measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas,** situated at **Ilthore Village,** Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.100 and 101
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.100 and Chowdappanahalli Village Border
South by : Road and remaining portion of the land bearing same Sy.No.99

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing **Sy.No.99 measuring 6 Acres 35 Guntas,** situated at **Ilthore Village,** Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.101
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
North by : Road and remaining portion of the land bearing same Sy. No.99
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.90/1

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO. 3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18.
Office: 26678572 : 26600512: 26609066. Tele Fax: (080) 26617980

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd., A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
JAYANAGAR BRANCH			
1.	**Smt. Alamelu. S**	**Demand Notice Dated :20.12.2022 Possession Notice Dated : 10.04.2023 Balance outstanding: Rs. 63,87,941/- as on : 10.04.2023**	No.851, Corporation Colony, 9th Block, Jayanagar, BBMP Ward No. 64 of Gurappanapalya, New Ward No. 170 of Jayanagar East, PID No. 64-144-851, Gurappana Palya, Bengaluru. **Measuring: East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 25 feet East by : Road, West by : Private property, North by : Site No. 850, South by : Site No. 852.**
2.	**Sri. Manjunath N**	**Demand Notice Dated :28.12.2022 Possession Notice Dated : 10.04.2023 Balance outstanding: Rs. 24,38,900/- as on :10.04.2023**	No. 4HC-118, East of NGRF Layout, (Kasturi Nagar), BBMP Ward No. 84 of Benniganahalli, PID No. 84-138-4HC-118, Bengaluru. **Measuring: East to West : 6 Mtrs & North to South : 9 Mtrs East by : Site No. 4HC -120, West by : Site No. 4HC-116 North by : 4th H Cross Road, South by : Site No. 4 G C 115.**
RAMANAGAR BRANCH			
3.	**Sri. Nazarulla Peer**	**Demand Notice Dated :03.01.2023 Possession Notice Dated : 10.04.2023 Balance outstanding : Rs. 7,01,557/- as on : 10.04.2023**	Municipal Khatha No. 55/680/788/67/A, Mahaboob Nagar, Ward No. 18, Ramanagara Town, **Measuring: East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 60 feet East by : Property belongs to Sri. Mohammed Peer. West by : Property belongs to Mahamood, North by : Municipal Road South by : Property belongs to Mohammed Haneef.**
4.	**Smt. Roopa. C.M**	**Demand Notice Dated : 27.01.2023 Possession Notice Dated : 10.04.2023 Balance outstanding: Rs. 79,76,807/- as on : 10.04.2023**	**Municipal Door No. 3066, Old Municipal Khatha No. 6560, 3rd Main Road, Manjunatha Layout, Ward No. 08, Channapatna Town, Municipal "A" Division Ramanagar District E Khatha No. 8-3-551-115, Measuring: East to West : 60 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : House belongs to Sri. S. Siddappa, West by : 20 feet Road left for common pssage, North by : Site No. 01, South by : House Site No. 03, belongs to Sri. N. Shivalingaiah.**

Date : 15.04.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Head Office: at No.14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020

WITHOUT PREJUDICE NOTICE TO BORROWER

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HERE IN AFTER CALLED 'ACT')

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through **Vijayanagara Branch** The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

Name and Address of the Borrower: (1) Sri. Narasimharaju.V S/o Late Venkatappa, No.128, 9th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Near Sathyanarayana Kalyana Mantapa, J.C.Nagara, Bengaluru-560086.

Nature of Facility: Immovable Property Loan by way of Registered mortgage of Deposit of Title Deeds.

Loan Account No.	Date of Loan	Amount Sanctioned	Principal O/S	Interest & other Charges	Total	Rate of Interest
IPL-EMI-297	19/04/22	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 39,51,912/-	Rs. 3,57,990/-	Rs. 43,09,902/-	12.50%

Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.43,09,902/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Two only) as on **31.03.2023,** plus unapplied interest from the date of **01.04.2023,** at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.,

Date of NPA: 19.12.2022 Demand Notice dated : 03.04.2023

Description of the property :- SCHEDULE-B: Immovable Property Mortgaged by Sri. Narasimharaju.V. S/o Late Venkatappa. Amount Secured Rs.40,00,000/-.

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No. 128 in PID No. 13-38-128, Survey No. 22 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Situated at 9th Main Road, J.C.Nagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No. 13, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West 30'-0" and North to South 40'-0" fts, having a total extent of 1200 square feets and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Others Property, North by : Property of Venkataswamy, South by : Property of G.Rangaswamy.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 03.04.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

KALYAN NAGAR BRANCH
No. 36, 80 Ft. Road, Brindavan Nagar Colony,
Near Hennur Cross, Kalyannagar, Bengaluru-560043
Ph : 8355818311, Email : : ubin08133 11@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC. 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

To, Name and address of the Borrower/Mortagagor : M/s Perikatra Agro and Spices, No. 42, Old No. 15, Appus Homes, 2nd Cross, Oil Mill Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560084. **Mrs. Bindu Prashanth,** W/o Mr. Prashanth Perichatra, No. 9, Nakshatra, 4th Floor, 1st Main Road, Ashirwad Colony, Bangalore-560043.

Sir/Madam,

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) read with Sec.13 (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You have availed the following credit facilities from our **Kalyan Nagar Branch** and failed to pay the dues/instalment/ interest / operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the Income Recognition and Prudential Accounting Norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as on **30-03-2023** As on date a sum of **Rs. 58,75,477.45 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lacs Seventh Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Forty Five only)** together with further interest and charges

The particulars of amount due to the Bank from you in respect of the aforesaid account/s are as under :

Type of Facility & A/c No.	Outstanding amount as on 31.03.2023	Un applied interest Rs.	Total dues Rs.
SODGN 133131 100000654	Rs. 53,26,462.82	Rs. 53,371.36	Rs. 53,78,834.17
UGECL 133130100032334	Rs. 4,93,664.26	Rs. 2,979.02	Rs. 4,96,643.28
Total Dues	**Rs. 58,19,127.08**	**Rs. 56,350.37**	**Rs. 58,75,477.45**

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, Mrs. Bindu Prahanth, Proprietor M/s. Perkatra Agro and Spice have executed documents on 14-10-2019 created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below.

Description of the secured assets : All that piece and parcel of the property constructed on Site No. 42, 2nd Cross, Sait Palya Layout, Aravind Nagar, Oil Mill road, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560084 and measuring East to West 38 Ft ; and North to South 30 Ft. in all measuring 1140 sq ft. and bounded on the : **East :** Site No. 42, **West :** 25 Feet Road, **North :** Site No. 41, **South :** Site No. 43

Therefore You are hereby called upon in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of Rs. 58,75,477.45 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lacs Seventh Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Forty Five only) together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

As per section 13 (13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained /prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 15.04.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Savitha. R, W/o. Vijayashekar. H.B, and Harshavardhan. H.V, S/o. Vijayashekar. H.B, 8th Main, 3Rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560079 have entered into sale agreement for purchase of the property mentioned in the schedule below with J.R.Sudarshan, S/o. J. R. Ramamurthy, R/at. 42, Poornapragna Layout, 1st Main, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-85 and 2. M.A. Subbalakshmi, W/o. N.G.S.Murthy, No.83, M. Block, 2nd Stage, Kuvempu Nagara, Mysore-570023. Now the public is hereby notified that if any persons/institutions have got any claims in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to forward their claims with copies of the supporting documents to the under mentioned address within SEVEEN days from today. If no claims are received within the said period my client will proceed and conclude the transaction as if there are no claims from any persons / institutions.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 30, in Katha No.30/30/30, lay out formed Lokaseva Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd,(K.P.S.C Layout) in Sy No.24 and 25 situated at Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Tq, in the jurisdiction of ward No.130-Ullalu, Bruhath B.B.M.P, The residential Layout plan approved by BDA, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 55.6 Feet in all 1665 Sq Feet and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 29, West by : Site No. 31, North by : Road, South by : Site No.10

Manjunatha S C., Advocate.
No.652/K, 1st Floor, Near Navarang Circle, Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, BANGALORE-560 010. Mob. 9448226484
Bangalore. Date:13-04-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients **Smt. N.R. Prema W/o. Sri. K. Nandakumaran** residing at No. 488, "Akshaya Nilayam" 3rd B Cross, Near Kathriguppe Water Tank, 2nd Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage Bangalore and **Mr. V. Umesh Raj S/o. Sri. V. Madhusudhan Murhty** residing at No. 9/37, 4th Cross, 2nd Main, KEB Road, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage Bangalore, had lost his **original Allotment Letter at No. BDA/DS-3/90/GB/99-2000 dated 21.02.2000** in respect of **Site No. 90**, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in 1st Block, Gnanabharathi (Valagerehalli) Layout, Bangalore, Now Coming under Bruhath Banaglore Mahanagara Palike, **BBMP Katha No. 90/90/90,** Now **Gnanabharathi Ward No. 130**, for which he lodge a police complaint for lose of original documents before the Bangalore City police at Lost Report **No.0533325/2023** dated **14/04/2023.**

Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling that if anyone found/notice above said original documents in public please inform my client or to me immediately. It is hereby inform that other than my client if any third person made any transaction over the above said property my client is not held responsible and same is not binding on my client.

S.D. LAW ASSOCIATES
Umesh. A, Advocate
No.87, Opp. 43A BMTC Bus Stop, Vivekananda Nagar, Bangalore 560085. (M) 9845930803

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CARRIAGE & WAGON WORKS
TENDER NOTICE No: CWREHABILITATION BOBRN

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage & Wagon Works, Southern Railway, Perambur, Chennai -23 invites e-tender for the following work as per the tender notice given in e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Name of Work: Rehabilitation of BOBRN Wagons in the premises of Carriage & Wagon workshop, Perambur; 1) Approximate Cash Value: ₹ **7,27,18,688/-;** 2) Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **5,13,600/-;** 3) Bidding Start Date: **26.04.2023;** 4) Tender Closing Date and Time: **10.05.2023** at **15.00 Hrs.;** 5) Cost of tender form ₹ : Nil; 6) Period of Completion in months: **16 Months**; Similar Nature of Work: "Tenderer should have done Cutting / Stripping / Repair / Assembly / Maintenance / Manufacture and supply of Components / Sub-assemblies of Railway Rolling Stock (Coach/Wagon/DEMU/ MEMU/ SPART/ Locomotive/ Metro Coach) (OR) Steel fabrication for Defence / Shipping establishments/Railway applications/ Heavy duty mobile machinery & plants for Govt. sector, manufactures for structural works of Refineries, Chemical, Cement Industries (OR) Manufacturing / Rebuilding / Rehabilitation / Renewal / Corrosion repair attention / Modification / Fabrication work of Railway Rolling Stock (Coach / Wagon / DEMU / MEMU / SPART / Locomotive / Metro Coach) in a) Any unit of Indian Railways / Central Govt. / State Govt. (or) b) Public Sector Undertaking units of Central Govt. / State Govt. (or) c) Public listed companies having annual turnover of ₹ 500 Crores and above, subject to the certificate being issued from their Head Office by a person of the company duly enclosing the authorization by the management for issuing such credentials." Website Address: **www. ireps.gov.in;** Office Address: Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage & Wagon Works, Southern Railway, Ayanavaram, Chennai - 600 023

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, (Erstwhile Andhra Bank) Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1. Mrs Geetha P, W/o Mr. Mahesha V R/at No. 1130, Chowdeshwari Layout, Kembathahalli, Banneraghatta Road, Gottigere Post, Bangalore-560083, **2. Mr. Mahesha V,** S/o Mr. Venkateshappa G.V. R/at No. 1130, Chowdeshwari Layout, Kembathahalli, Banneraghatta Rpoad, Gottigere Post, Bangalore-560083, **3. M/s Prabhavathi Developers,** A partnership firm having regd. Office at : No.80, 2nd floor, 1st Cross, 2nd main, Vyshya Bank HNCS Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560076, **4. M/s Prabhavathi Promoters,** A partnership firm having regd. Office at : No.768, 16th main road, MICO Layout, Opp. to Apollo Pharmacy, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560072.

Demand notice dated : 16.11.2022 Possession Notice Date : 14.04.2023

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs. 40,95,385.22 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred and eighty five and Twenty Two Paise only) as on **31.03.2023** and interest/Cost/Expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule "A" Property: Item No. 1 : (Description of Land) All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted land in Sy. No. 304/3 (Vide Conversion Order bearing official memorandum No. ALN. (S.B) SR: 34/11-12 dated: 19/10/2011 issued by special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore district, Bangalore) situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring 7623 sq ft (0-07 Guntas) and bounded as follows:- East by: Land bearing No. 296, West by: Land bearing No.304/2, 304/4, 304/5, North by: Land bearing No.295, South by: Road and Land bearing no. 303.

<u>Item No. 2</u>: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted land in Sy. No. 304/4 (old no. 304/1) (Vide Conversion Order bearing official special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, Bangalore) situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring 21,780 sq ft (0—20 Guntas) and bounded as follows:- East by: Land belongs to Krishnappa and his son, West by: Land belongs to Pramila, North by: Land belongs to Chinnappa, South by: Land bearing no. 304/5 belongs to M/s Prabhavathi developers.

<u>Item No. 3</u>: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted land in Sy. No. 304/5 (old no. 304/1) (Vide Conversion Order bearing official special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, Bangalore) situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now within the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring 21,780 sq ft (0—20 Guntas) and bounded as follows:- East by: Road and thereafter Land bearing No. 304/3 belongs to G.A.Manohar and A. Chhelaram, Presently M/s Prabhavathi developers, West by: Land belongs to Pramila, North by: Land bearing no. 304/4 belongs to M/s Prabhavathi developers, South by: Land belongs to ITI Krishnappa. **Item No. 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 'A' property are adjacent and abutting to each other and in total measuring 51,183 sq. ft.**

<u>Schedule B Property : (Description Mortgaged/Charged Property):</u> All that piece and parcel of the Flat no G-28, IN Ground Floor, having super built up area of 1018 sq ft with an undivided 224 sq ft of share, right, title and interest in the land one hall, kitchen, two bedrooms, two toilet cum bath rooms and one car parking in the apartment known as " Prabhavathi Spring Field", constructed on schedule –A Property with RCC framed structure, concrete blocks Masonry, Main door teak frame and steam Breach Veneered flush shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminium windows with glass & safety grills, Vitrified flooring etc.., and bounded as follows:- East by: Open space / corridor, West by: Open space, North by:Flat No. G-29, South by: Flat No. G-27.

2. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: (1) Julie Kataki Pathak W/o Late Uttam Kumar Pathak, **(2) Uttam kumar Pathak** (since deceased) represented by his legal heirs **Julie Pathak, Pranit Pathak and Mrigesh Pathak**. **(3) Pranit Pathak** represented by natural guardian and mother Mrs. Julie Pathak **(4) Mrigesh Pathak** represented by natural guardian and mother Mrs. Julie Pathak all residing at 14/1-1, Lakshmi Nilaya, 1st cross, Grape Garden Vivekangar PO Bangalore -560047.

Demand notice dated : 16.11.2022 Possession Notice Date : 14.04.2023

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs. 61,34,005.80 (rupees sixty one lakhs thirty four thousand five and eighty paise) as on **31.03.2023** and interest/ Cost/ Expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property : <u>Schedule 'A' Property (Entire Property): Item No.1</u> : All that piece and parcel of a Portion of Property bearing No.42, New No. 10 Katha No.6/ 1, now under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No.68, New Ward No.148 situated at 3rd Cross, Anjaneya Extension, Eijipura, Bangalore measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 77 feet and in total 2772 Sq. feet and bounded as follows: East By: Remaining Portion of same Property bearing, New No.10 belongs to Smt.Shalini, West By: Remaining Portion of same Property bearing, New No.10 belongs to Lakshman, North By: Parthasarathy Bhutter's Property, South By: Passage.

<u>Item No.2</u> : All that piece and parcel of a Portion of Property bearing No.42, New No. 10 Katha No.6/ 1, now under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No.68, New Ward No.148 situated at situated at 3rd Cross, Anjaneya Extension, Eijipura, Bangalore measuring East to West 54 feet and North to South 63.6 feet and in total 3434 Sq. feet and bounded. as follows: East By: Property belongs to Smt. C. Munilakshmi and Shivaji, West By: Remaining Portion of same Property bearing new no 10 belongs to L Devaraj and Smt Parvathi, North By: Parthasarathy Bhutter's Property, South By: Passage.

<u>Item No.3 :</u> All that piece and parcel of a Portion of Property bearing No.42, New No. 10" Katha No.6/ 1, now under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No.68, New Ward No.148 situated at situated at 3rd Cross, Anjaneya Extension, Eijipura, Bangalore measuring East to West Northern side 63 feet, Southern side 51.4 feet and North to South Eastern side 77 feet and Western side 57 feet in total 3832 Sq. feet follows: East By: Remaining Portion of same Property bearing, New No.10 belongs to L.Devaraj & Smt. Parvathi, West By: Road, North By: Parthasarathy Bhutter's Property, South By: Road. **Items No.1, 2, and 3 in Schedule Property are adjoining and abutting to each other and measuring in total 10,038 Sq. feet.**

<u>Schedule 'B' Property (Mortgaged Property)</u> : All that piece parcel of the Flat No. F-9 in the First Floor having super built up area of 1050 sq. feet with an undivided 214 sq. feet of share, right, title and interest in the land One hall, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Two Toilets cum bathrooms with one car parking in the Salt Floor being the part of the apartment building known as 'Prabhavathi Classic' constructed/under construction on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry, Main door teak frame and Steam Breach Veneered flush Shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, Powder coated aluminium windows with glass & safety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., and bounded as follows: East By: Flat No.F-1, West By: Corridor, North By: Private Property, South By: Corridor.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, (Erstwhile Andhra Bank) Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore,** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.

Date : 13.04.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Union Bank of India

Janopakari Sri Doddanna Setty's

SLN Charities

SLN College of Arts and Commerce, Fort, Bengaluru-560 002.

NOTIFICATION

Notification issued on 25-03-2023 to fill various vacant posts of lecturers in SLN College of Arts and Commerce, the last date for submission of application is extended upto **28-04-2023**.

Date: 16.04.2023 Sd/- Secretary,
SLN Charities, Fort, Bengaluru-02.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

<u>MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT</u>
<u>AUCTION PROGRAMME</u>
<u>NOTICE No: 05/2023</u>

e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap material.

Sl. No.	e-Auction conducted by	Date of auction for the month of May'23			Material for auction
1	GSD/PER	05.05.2023	16.05.2023	24.05.2023	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in **www.ireps.gov.in** Website
2	CSSD/GOC	10.05.2023	18.05.2023	26.05.2023	
3	SSD/PTJ	10.05.2023	18.05.2023	26.05.2023	
4	MAS Division	02.05.2023	11.05.2023	19.05.2023	
5	SA Division	02.05.2023	11.05.2023	19.05.2023	
6	TVC Division	03.05.2023	12.05.2023	22.05.2023	
7	PGT Division	03.05.2023	12.05.2023	22.05.2023	
8	TPJ Division	04.05.2023	15.05.2023	23.05.2023	
9	MDU Division	04.05.2023	15.05.2023	23.05.2023	

Note: **Surplus Diesel locos in "as is where is condition' may be auctioned.**
For detailed terms and conditions and downloading of catalogue please visit our website **http://www.ireps.gov.in -> E-Auction -> Sale -> Live Auctions.**

Principal Chief Materials Manager

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THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU

Misc No.50/2023

BETWEEN :
The Competent Authority,
for M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Mini V.V.Tower, Podium Block, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Rep by its Competent Authority, Dr. Ashok D.R, Joint Secretary .... Petitioner
AND
M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, Regd Office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagara, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032. (Registered vide No. CIN U74999KA2016PT98612 by RoC, Koramangala, Bangalore) Represented by its Managing Director Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, Aged 58 years, Presently he is in Kanpur City District Jail, Address at : The Jail Superintendent, Kanpur City District Jail, Kanpur City, Uttar Pradesh and others.
.... Respondents

Notice to Respondent No. 2

2) M/s Sanchaya Land and Estate Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Director, Sri Ravipati Taraka Raghunath, having its office at No, 479, PID No.98-45-479, Situated at HMT layout, RT Nagar, Bengaluru 560032.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondent.

The Respondent No.2 is hereby issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petition on **21st April 2023 at 11.00 'o' Clock** in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day **16th March 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/11/Zenkar/2023-24 **Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.,** Special Public Prosecutor

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

Karur Vysya Bank — Smart way to bank

RT NAGAR BRANCH
No. 5 and 6, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore 560 032
Phone : 23433300, 23433100

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** on **29.04.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 75,21,708.62 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eight and Sixty Two Paise Only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd"**, Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. N Jothy Graphics (India) Pvt Ltd,** having Office at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032; **(2) Mr. A. Nagaraju (Director)**, S/o. Mr. M Arunachalam, Residing at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032 and **(3) Mrs. M. Ammayya (Director),** W/o. Mr. A Nagaraju, Residing at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032. The reserve price will be **Rs. 63,00,000** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 6,30,000/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only).

Description of the Immovable property: All the piece and parcel of the Residential site and building situated PID No. 97-70-1/7, Site No. 01/07, Ward No. 97, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Matadahalli, Bangalore – 560 032 measuring East to West: 32 feet and North to South: 28½ feet, admeasuring 912 sq feet and bounded on: East by: Property of Smt. Kavitha Bai, West by: Drainage, North by: Private Property, South by: Road

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

<u>Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002</u>

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 13.04.2023 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bengaluru THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(GATI SHAKTI / MADURAI)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. GS-MDU-2023-02 Dated: 10.04.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016 invites e- tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Tender No.	Name of the Works	Approxi mate cash value in Lakhs	Bid Security /EMD in Rs	Period of completion in Month(s)	Closing / Opening Date @
(1)		(2)		(3)	(4)
GS-MDU-2023-02-01A	Madurai Division - Raising of platform to high level at, EKN(PF1), AYVN(PF1), CTPE(PF1), AYV(PF1), TML(PF1) & KTHY(PF1) Stations	448.31	374200	Six	08.05.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
GS-MDU-2023-02-02A	Madurai Division - Raising of platform to high level at BJM(PF1&2), PCO(PF1), SDNR(PF1&2), AWT(PF1), KCHV(PF1), KZB(PF1), KZY(PF1) Stations	587.76	443900	Six	08.05.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
GS-MDU - 2023-02-03	Madurai Division - Raising of platform to high level at SMDM (PF1), MPA(PF1), KTYR(PF1), MC(PF1), MES(PF1), VDP(PF1), APK(PF2) Stations	516.61	408300	Six	08.05.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
GS-MDU - 2023-02-04	Madurai Division - Provision of FOB at SMDM & SDNR Stations	123.38	211700	Six	11.05.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

For further details, refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** It is responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.

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CORRIGENDUM TO SALE NOTICE DATED 13.04.2023

In reference to the E-Auction Sale Notice published on 14.04.2023 in this news paper. In this Notification, the Days of Sale Notice is published wrongly as 30 days. So, the same can be read as **15 DAYS NOTICE.** All other remains the same.

Date : 15.04.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore Union Bank of India

IN THE COURT OF 82nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, COMMERCIAL, AT BANGALORE
Com. O.S. No. 937/2022 (CCH-83)

BETWEEN
CANARA BANK
SME Peenya Branch
No. 473, D-7, Rotary Bhavan, 13th Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, 4th Phase, Bangalore - 560058.
Through its Senior Branch Manager Mr. K.R. Umesh ..... **Plaintiff**
And
M/s. Fiber Handricraft & Ors. ... Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 1

To,
1. M/s. Fiber Handicraft
No. 12/3, Umesh Farms, Huruli Chikkanahalli, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bengaluru-560090.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted suit under section 26 read with order VII, Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code against the defendants for recovery of a sum **Rs. 11,37,426.88** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six and Eighty Eight Paise Only) as on 01.06.2022 together with current and further interest and for other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to appear before this Court to show cause on **24.05.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of relief sought.

Take notice that in case of default the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 31.03.2023.

By order of court
City Civil Court Commercial
CCH-83 At Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre
St.Marks Road, C/o.SBI, Bengaluru Branch No.65, LHO Compound, Bengaluru-560001, Mobile No. 9611093484, Email: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. KNR/SMR- HL/3597/6198/HL/3058/ HTL – 39984940286

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **01.02.2023** calling upon the borrower **Mrs. Soubhagya** W/o. Umesh to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.35,62,915/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen only) as on 31.01.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **12.04.2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.35,01,158/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Eight only) as on 10.04.2023 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

<u>DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY</u>

<u>Absolute Sale Deed No. CMP-1-05477-2020-21, C.D. No. CMPD732 dated 05.02.2021 at Basavangudi (Chamarajapet), Bengaluru.</u>

<u>SCHEDULE 'A' (Description of entire Property):</u> All that piece and parcel immovable property bearing site No. 650 situated at Gubbalalu Village and the Layout was known as Gubbalau and Turahalli Villages ("Vajramuni Nagara"), 2nd stage formed by The Jayanagara Co- Operative Housing Society Ltd., comprising of lands bearing Sy. Nos.1/1, 1/3B, 6/1, 6/2, 7, 9, 50/1 to 50/9, 56, 63 of Gubbalalu Village and Sy. Nos. 43/1, 44/1, 45/1, 46/1, 46/2 and 47/1 of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike bearing Khatha No. 651/650, BBMP New PID No. 184-W1263-13, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet in total measuring 2400 sq.feet and bounded as follows:- **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 671, **North by:** Site No. 651 and **South by:** Site No. 649.

<u>SCHEDULE 'B' : (Description of undivided share agreed to be conveyed):</u> An undivided **300 Sq.ft.** share in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

<u>SCHEDULE 'C': (Description of the Apartment)</u>

A 3 Three Bedroom Apartment **No. S-2** on the **Second Floor** of the Building known as **"DHIRAAN DHANUSH ENCLAVE"** to be constructed in the Schedule-A Property with a super built-up area of **1175 Square Feet** (which is inclusive of proportionate share in balconies, common areas attributable thereto a share in the area of Common Areas and limited access to the terrace area i.e. from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs) with **One Car Parking** space at Basement Level, Standing in the name of Mrs. Soubhagya. and bounded on East **by:** Flat no. S-1, **West by:** Set Back, **North by:** Corridor and **South by:** Set Back.

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India
RACPC, St.Marks Road, Bengaluru
Place : Bengaluru
Date : 12.04.2023

ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು

2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ನಂ. 146, "ಸಹಕಾರ ಸೌಧ" 3ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 8ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಾರ್ಗೋಸಾ ರಸ್ತೆ , ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560003

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(ಎಫ್) ರನ್ವಯ :
<u>ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಮರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ</u>
ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಇಪಿ ನಂ: ಎಆರ್‌ಬಿ–/45/ಸಿಇಪಿ/06/2017–18
ದಾವಾದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿ/ಎಂಡಿ/356/2016–17 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28–04–2017

<u>ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ</u> : 1) ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಎಂಎಸಿಹೆಚ್‌ಎಸ್/10/ 2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02–12–2020.
2) ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಜಪ್ತಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಆರ್‌ಬಿ–2/45/ಸಿಇಪಿ/06/2017–19 ದಿನಾಂಕ:11–12–2020.
3) ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಇವರ ದಾವಾದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿ/ಎಂಡಿ/356/2016–17 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28–04–2017
4) ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ನಡೆದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03–02–2022.
5) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 16968/2022, ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–12–2022.
6) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ವಿಭಾಗಿಯ ಪೀಠದ ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್– ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್) ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–02–2023.
7) ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಂಎಸಿಹೆಚ್‌ಎಸ್/28/ 2022–23, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13–02–2023.

ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್, ದಿ ಮೈಕೋ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಟ್ಸ್ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಕೋ–ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಲಿ. ನಂ.290/2, "ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಆರ್ಕೆಡ್", 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಿಲ್ಸನ್‌ಗಾರ್ಡನ್, ಸುಬ್‌ವಾಲ್ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೆಂಟ್ ಎದುರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560027 ಈ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘವು ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್, ನಂ.2/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಎಫ್–1, 18 ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–55, <u>ಮನೆ ವಿಳಾಸ</u>: ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ನಂ.376, 3ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 12ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಾಲರ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಆರ್.ಎಂ.ವಿ. 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 094 ಇವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1959 ಪ್ರಕರಣ 70 ರನ್ವಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾವಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.04.2017** ರಂದು ದಾವಾದೇಶವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ದಾವಾದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ **ರೂ.17,57,87,000/– ಮತ್ತು ರೂ.3,00,00,000/– ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ.20,57,87,000/–ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.04.2016** ರಿಂದ ಶೇ.18%ರ ಬಡ್ಡಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿ **ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ** ಇವರು ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯವರ ದಾವಾದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಪ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರಾಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಆದೇಶವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ದಾವಾದೇಶದ ಜಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್ ಸಂಘವು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 1960 ರೂಲ್ 34 ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು **ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ** ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ದಾಖಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–12–2020** ರಂದು ತೀರ್ಪು ಬಾಕಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ **ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 12 ಮಲ್ಲಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ 33.5 ಗುಂಟೆಯನ್ನು ಜಪ್ತಿ** ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಜಪ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(ಡಿ) ರನ್ವಯ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:20–12–2021 ರಂದು** ಫಾರಂ ನಂ.8 ರನ್ವಯ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಫಾರಂ ನಂ. 9 ರನ್ವಯ ಬಾಕಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟದ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ, ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಹರಾಜನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:03–02–2022 ರಂದು** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ದಿನಾಂಕ:03–02–2022 ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ **ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್**, ನಂ.06, ಎಂಎಲ್‌ಎ ಮುನಿರಾಜು ಕಾಂಪೌಂಡ್, ಲೇಕ್‌ವ್ಯೂ, ಡಿಫೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಶೆಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560015 ರವರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ **ರೂ.9,00,00,000/ (ರೂ. ಒಂಬತ್ತು ಕೋಟಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)** ಗೆ ಬಿಡ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್ ರವರು ಹರಾಜು ದಿನವೇ ಶೇ 15% ರಷ್ಟು ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಉಳಿದ ಶೇ 85% ರಷ್ಟು ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಹಣವನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:26–05–2022** ರಂದು ಪಾವತಿಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:30–05–2022 ರಂದು** ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಫಾರಂ–10 ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (5)ರನ್ವಯ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್, ರವರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಮುಂದೆ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **16968/2022**ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್ ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(i) ರನ್ವಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಮಾರಾಟದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 45 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(j) ರನ್ವಯ ಸುಸ್ತಿದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **30–05–2022** ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಫಾರಂ–10 ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ದಿನಾಂಕ:**30–05–2022 ರಂದು** ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **16968/2022ರ ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–12–2022ನ್ನು** ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘವು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಪೀಠದ ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್–ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್)ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–12–2022ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಆದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ದೋಷ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ದ್ವಿ ಸದಸ್ಯಪೀಠ (Divisional bench) ರವರು ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್–ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್)ನ್ನು ವಜಾಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದರನ್ವಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರವರಿಗೆ ಹೊಸ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಆದೇಶದ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ **ಮೂರು(03) ತಿಂಗಳ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿಯೊಳಗೆ** ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ಆದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ದ್ವಿ ಸದಸ್ಯಪೀಠ (Divisional bench) ರವರ ಆದೇಶ ಜಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ & ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್, ನಂ.2/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಎಫ್–1, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು– 55 ರವರಿಂದ **ರೂ.17,57,87,000/– ಮತ್ತು ರೂ.3,00,00,000/– ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ.20,57,87,000/– ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01–04–2016** ರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೊತ್ತ ವಸೂಲಾಗುವವರೆಗೆ ಶೇಕಡ 18% ರ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಫೀ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ವಸೂಲಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ(7) ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರರ ಸಂಘದ ಮನವಿಯಂತೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:15–02–2023ರ ಅಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.28,29,40,346/–(ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೆಂಟು ಕೋಟಿ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೊಂಭತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ ನಲವತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರದ ಮುನ್ನೂರು ನಲ್ವತ್ತಾರು ಮಾತ್ರ)**ಗಳು ಸಂದಾಯವಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11–12–2020 ರಂದು **ಜಪ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–04–2023 ರ ಬುಧವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11–00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ಸದರಿ ಹರಾಜು ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿಗೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿ ಇಡಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತದೋ ಆ ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಿರಂಗವಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸವಾಲು ಕೂಗುವವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ.

<u>ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು</u>: 1. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹರಾಜಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸವಾಲು ಕೂಗಿದವನಿಗೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದ ಬೆಲೆಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸವಾಲನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವುದು ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ವಿವೇಚನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2. ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ **ರೂ.20,000–00 (ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)** ಗಳ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಈ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನಗದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಡ್ರಾಫ್ಟ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾವತಿಸುವುದು.
3. ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಲಾದ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬೆಲೆಯ ಶೇ.15% ರಷ್ಟು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿದಾರನು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಉಳಿದ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರಾಟ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ಟಾಂಪು ಅಂಟಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ **45 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗೆ** ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಮೇಲೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಉಳಿದ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳನ್ನು ಭರಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಟ್ಟುಗೋಲು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಮತ್ತು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ತಪ್ಪಿದ ಖರೀದಿದಾರನು ಆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅದನ್ನು ಆ ತರುವಾಯ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾದ ಹಣದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕ್ಲೈಮ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವನು.
4. ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯು ಅಥವಾ ಅವನ ಪರವಾಗಿ ವರ್ತಿಸುವ ಯಾವನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಅಥವಾ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕ್ಲೈಮ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಯಾವನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು, ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುವ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಅಸಲು, ಬಡ್ಡಿ, ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವಲ್ಲಿ ತಗುಲಿದ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು, ಜಪ್ತಿಯ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ಸಹಿತ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಾಜನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
5. ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿರುವಾಗ, ಅಂತಹ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಒಡೆತನ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಅಂಥಹ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಸಿದ ಹಕ್ಕಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಬಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಶೇ.5 ರಷ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಲಾದ ಬಾಕಿಗಳ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು, ಅಂದರೆ, ಯಾವ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಯ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಆದೇಶ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಆ ಮೊಬಲಗು ಮತ್ತು ಅದರ ಮೇಲಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ, ಜಪ್ತಿಯ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಹ ಮೊಬಲಗಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುವ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ, ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಘೋಷಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಕಳೆದು ಉಳಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ **30 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ** ಠೇವಣಿ ಇಟ್ಟು ಮಾರಾಟವನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.
6. ಹರಾಜು ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುವವರು ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಂತಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅನ್ಯರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು. ಅನ್ಯರ ನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುವ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಅನ್ಯರಿಂದ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸುವುದು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರು ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲ.
7. ಈ ಹರಾಜು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ/ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವವರೆಗೆ ಖಾಯಂ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿದರೆ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ / ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರ ಸಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಹರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟವನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಮಾರಾಟ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವರು.
8. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅವುಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ತಪ್ಪುಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲ. **ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಯಾವ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ, ಯಾವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆಯೋ ಅದೇ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ** ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇದನ್ನು ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಮೊದಲೇ ಅರಿತು ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು.
9. ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ / ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಬಹುದು.
10. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಘದ ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

<u>ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಿವರ</u>

All that Western Portion of Land measuring 33.5 guntas marked within the letters ABCDEIH shown in pink colour in the sketch annexed herein out of the entire land measuring **1 acre 27 guntas in Survey No.12, of Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** (Converted land wide order No.ALN(n)SR-361/04-05 dated:07-04-2004-05 to and is bounded on the : **East by:** Remaining land fallen to the share of the JDrs. Measuring 33.5 guntas in the same Survey Number and also Survey No. 19 Shettyhalli Village. **West by:** Muniswamappa's Land, **North by:** Survey No. 19 Shettyhalli Village and Ramakrishnappa's Property. **South by:** Shettyhalli to Mallasandra Main Road.

Guideline Value	ಅಂದಾಜು ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ
ರೂ. 4,84,76,611 /– (ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕೋಟಿ ಎಂಭತ್ತ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಎಪ್ಪತ್ತ ಆರು ಸಾವಿರದ ಆರು ನೂರ ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)	ರೂ.6,70,00,000/– (ಆರು ಕೋಟಿ ಎಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)

<u>ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಸ್ಥಳ</u> : ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಆವರಣ । <u>ಹರಾಜಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕ</u> : 19.04.2023 ಬುಧವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/–
(ಕವಿತ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.)
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ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು
2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಸ್ಥಳ : ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
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Date : April 15, 2023 **Authorized Officer**
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RANDOM POLICY ROUNDABOUTS AND THE CITIZEN

THE THIRD EYE

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THE lexicon defines a roundabout as that space where a cluster of roads joins in and traffic must go around. The theory is that this enables a smoother flow of movement. Those living in Delhi (and navigating the 'gol chakkars') will attest that frequently, motion is mistaken for movement. In a sense roundabouts are an apt metaphor for the random layers and gaps afflicting public policy design. The promise of ease of living is delayed, and even detained at the intersection of multiple and often pious objectives.

Like, on Friday, the residents of Mumbai learnt that a vital arterial road bridge connecting the eastern and western parts of Andheri may not be ready in June 2023. The nodal Gopal Krishna Gokhale Bridge had collapsed in July 2018. After four years of to-ing and fro-ing between the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation and the Indian Railways, following serious strictures by the CAG, the authorities promised that work would be expedited and at least a part of the bridge would be opened by June 2023. It now turns out that the bridge will not be ready before the monsoon, worsening the woes of commuters.

Like, the reason for the new delay is worth attention: the unavailability of steel girders due to a strike at the factory contracted to fabricate them. This in a country where crude steel output this year touched 124 million tonnes! Last year the BMC floated tenders for concreting 400 km of city roads and this week, the BMC issued a notice to the contractor for failing to start work. Clearly, the agility necessary to address citizens' woes is afflicted by both sloth and poor flexibility in the design of policy. One wonders if the initiative of PM Gati Shakti – the National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity has a mechanism to bridge the gaps in policy faultlines.

Like, the promise of the bridge is just one of the many projects afflicted by the culture of roundabouts in public policy. It is true that the platform of PM Gati Shakti has enabled better planning of infrastructure projects. But there is no mistaking the gap in implementation and accountability. In February 2023, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation published a review of projects worth over Rs 150 crore. The details are revealing. Of the 1,418 projects, 823 are delayed, 346 have cost overruns and 316 have reported "inadequate information" about commissioning schedule. The gap between estimated and now anticipated cost: Rs 4.46 lakh crore. For context, consider this: the gap between estimated and anticipated cost is more than twice the total allocation for food subsidy for 2023-24.

Like, the adoption of Aadhaar-based identification has been celebrated globally as a mechanism for delivery of welfare, issue of documents and access to banking/telecom services. The use of biometric authentication enabled the triangulation of ease of governance, ease of business and ease of living. Sometime during the pandemic a new guideline was introduced by the TRAI – telecom operators issuing a new connection, post Aadhaar-based biometric authentication, are required to "live photograph" the customer with date and time stamp. The rationale for the live photograph presumes inadequacies in biometric identification and its objectives are mystifying to say the least.

Like, earlier this week the Mumbai High Court was seized with what has been described as a genuine problem of residential areas littered with vehicles seized by the police. The challenge is the absence of a policy. Justices Girish Kulkarni and RN Laddha asked the government to "place on record any policy" for dealing with seized vehicles "causing public nuisance by their haphazard storage". Now this brings into focus the intent to scrap vehicles older than 15 years. How effective is the policy and systems for disposing these vehicles – just the union government plans to scrap over 1.28 vehicles!

Like, the state of education depends on physical and human infrastructure. The students – who have lost out due to the pandemic – require enhanced attention from teachers. And this is challenged by systemic inefficiencies and apathy. A report by the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Education reveals that, as of December 2022, over 9.86 lakh teacher posts are lying vacant across the country. The largest gap concerns the most vulnerable --over 7.47 lakh teacher posts are vacant in primary schools. Vacant teacher posts are a persistent phenomenon. In 2021-22 over 12.54 lakh posts for teachers were vacant. Lack of teachers translates into serious implications for the quality of workforce India will need.

Finally, the phenomenon of phone call and message scams is now verily an epidemic. The perpetrators of the scam are coming up with new ways of "vishing" with threats to vital utilities ranging from bank accounts to phone connections to electricity supply. Those who pick up the call and are skeptical face a barrage of threats and abuse and the innocent are scammed. The TRAI issues periodic warnings and has format for complaints. But criminal gangs are operating with impunity. The situation calls for exemplary prosecution and it may help if the TRAI shares the number of complaints and details of criminals nabbed.

India's aspiration to a digitalized $ 10 trillion economy demands better policy design and implementation.

CHILD'S PLAY POLITICS IN CONGRESS

POWER & POLITICS

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THE legacy of the father, more often than not, is a boon for the son. Sometimes, it is a burden. Going by the rebellious behaviour of Sachin Pilot, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Jitin Prasada, DNA is dictating direction. Their fathers, Rajesh Pilot, Madhavrao Scindia and Jitendra Prasada were credible Congress leaders and Gandhi loyalists. Scindia and Prasada had royal trappings. And the middle-class Pilot became a national neta. Though their party had generously rewarded them, they challenged the Gandhis. Now their parceners have followed paters' footsteps. The first two left the Congress to join BJP. Pilot is hanging on for the time being.

SACHIN PILOT: HAIR-RAISING HEIR. Last week, the Rajasthan scion went on a hunger strike against Ashok Gehlot's reluctance to investigate Vasundhara Raje. The Gandhi in the stage backdrop wasn't Rahul or Sonia, but the Mahatma himself: the symbolic sage of every Congressman who parades his conscience. The Family had made him the country's youngest MP, minister, youngest state president and youngest Deputy CM of Rajasthan. Though he was projected as the natural CM, Gehlot upstaged him. As state president, Sachin played a big part in its victory in 2018. He was the Gandhis' personal choice to lead the Congress and perhaps their first choice as CM. But the old fox Gehlot, an experienced master of statecraft, outmanoeuvred Sachin. Since then, they have been at war. Sachin claims the Gandhis and party boss Mallikarjun Kharge have betrayed him. In July 2020, with support from 30 MLAs, he almost pulled down Gehlot's government. Intermediaries from Delhi persuaded him to stay on and wait for his turn since age was on his side. The High Command kept him hanging until the organisational elections got over. When the September 2022 elections were announced, Gehlot refused to leave the CM's chair for Congress presidency but would pave the way for Pilot later. Party rules mandate that the same person cannot be both president and chief minister. Pilot's hopes to lead the 2023 state elections went kaput. The party is trying to convince him to hang on until the polls are over.

But once bitten twice shy, the rebel dynasty is truculent. Will he ditch the Gandhis? He has definitely acquired the combative skills of his IAF fighter pilot father Rajeshwar Prasad Bidhuri aka Rajesh Pilot. Rajesh left the cockpit for politics to become a Congress Lok Sabha MP when he was just 35 years old. He evolved as a Gujjar helmsman and a national figure after winning six Lok Sabha elections. He was a prominent frontline Congress satrap and CWC member. As Minister of State for Internal Security in P V Narasimha Rao's government, he even jailed notorious godman Chandraswamy, who was close to Rao. When Rao faced corruption charges and a proxy rebellion by Sonia, Rajesh was part of the group searching for an alternative. He hoped he would be chosen. Rao survived but lost the subsequent general election badly. Once he was forced out of the Congress presidency, Rajesh threw his hat in the ring. Rajesh revolted against Sitaram Kesri. He was shocked when Sonia chose Kesri. Unfortunately, Rajesh died in a car crash on June 11, 2000. Two decades later, his only son is seeking the support of the Gandhis to claim his legitimate right.

JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA: ROYAL REBEL: Like Rajesh was a national leader with PM potential, so was Madhavrao Scindia, ex-Maharaja of Gwalior and current Aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's father. Over two decades after he died in an air crash, Jyotiraditya revolted against the Gandhis and joined the BJP. Madhavrao was a nine-time Lok Sabha member who began his political career at 26 as a Jan Sangh MP in 1971. He left India during the Emergency and returned to win as an independent candidate in 1977 during the Janata wave. He joined the Congress in 1980 and trounced Atal Behari Vajpayee in 1984. Later the royal resented Narasimha Rao for forcing his resignation from the Cabinet after his name surfaced in the Jain Hawala scandal. Subsequently, he was back in the Cabinet because Rao wanted to eject his tormentor Arjun Singh. Madhavrao was considered close to Sonia; Rao had met her a day before sacking Singh to inform her that he was elevating Madhavrao. Though the ex-royal emerged as the secular face of the Congress and a PM alternative, he was denied a meaningful national role. He floated his party and contested against the Congress candidate in 1996. Once Rao was removed from the AICC presidency, Madhavrao did gharwapsi. When Sonia became party president in 1998, she appointed him the Congress deputy leader in the Lok Sabha. Madhavrao was the most trusted political point-man of the Gandhis until his tragic death, although he began his career in the saffron realm. Then Jyotiraditya won the Guna Lok Sabha seat in 2002 with a whopping margin of over 4,50,000 votes—a feat he repeated in 2004 and 2009. Like his father, he was a prominent member of the Gandhi inner circle; close to Rahul and Priyanka. He was a minister in Manmohan Singh's Cabinet and, even after losing the election, was made a Congress general secretary and put in charge of Uttar Pradesh under Priyanka Gandhi. But he didn't vibe well with senior Congress leaders. Then he was denied a Rajya Sabha ticket because Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh convinced the Gandhis that he wasn't a vote catcher. Like Madhavrao, Jyotiraditya rebelliously and revengefully toppled Kamal Nath's government and inherited the same Ministry of Civil Aviation which daddy ran during the early 1990s. If the father leaving the Jan Sangh was the Congress's gain, the son's defection to the saffron phalanx has made the wheel come full circle.

JITIN PRASADA: PAPA'S BOY: Currently a cabinet minister in the Yogi Adityanath sarkar, Jitin began his career in the Youth Congress after his father's death. Jitendra Prasada was a prominent Brahmin leader and a political advisor to Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, Sitaram Kesri and Sonia Gandhi. Yet he challenged Sonia for the post of the AIIC President in 2000 since he believed in internal democracy and felt that the Gandhis could not hold the monopoly for Congress captainship. But he never left his party, which was then almost sinking. Although his well-spoken and well-educated son was a minister in Manmohan Singh's government and party in charge of West Bengal elections, Jitin didn't trust his father's outfit to further his political growth. His maternal royal genes put him at odds with the Congress Old Guard, who controlled the grassroots. As long as Rahul was taking the call, Jitin stayed on, hoping for a major role in the party. The disappointed dynast was one of the 23 signatories to the letter written to Sonia demanding the democratisation of party forums. Eventually, he switched sides for greener (read saffron) pastures in his home state.

The Nehru-Gandhis set the template for succession in the Congress. Ironically, they don't grant other descendants of Congress heavyweights the same right of succession. In outlier cases, politics is child's play. Then nothing succeeds like succession.

THE JURISPRUDENCE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

OPINION

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DENIAL of the right of marriage to same-sex couples would breach the Constitutional social contract and its underlying Due Process Clause.

Recently, the Supreme Court Chief Justice referred petitions seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriages to a Constitution bench. The case is listed for final argument on April 18, 2023. A major question of law involved in the dispute over same-sex marriage is whether it will be brought within the Special Marriage Act of 1954. Same-sex unions are part of wider social change in which priority is given to individual choice and the acceptance of diversity. Same-sex marriages have some significant advantages vis-ā-vis heterosexual marriages. Same-sex relationships involve a greater degree of choice than conventional heterosexual families, and commitment becomes increasingly a matter of negotiation rather than ascription.

Jeremy Bentham, in his seminal treatise An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation (1781), stated that "Nature has placed mankind under the governance of two sovereign masters, pain and pleasure. It is for them alone to point out what we ought to do, as well as to determine what we shall do. On the one hand, the standard of right and wrong, on the other, the chain of causes and effects, are fastened to their throne." Bentham argued that the purpose of law must be providing the maximum happiness to the maximum number in the community.

He further elaborated: "The community is a fictitious body, composed of individual persons who are considered as constituting as its members. The interest of the community then is, what is it? – the sum of the interest of the several members who compose it. It is vain to talk about the interest of the community without understanding what the interest of the individual is..."

Bentham held that the principle of utility is also described as the greatest happiness principle in that it asserts that the only morally right and proper goal of action is to achieve the greatest happiness for all individuals whose interest is affected by the action. The conundrum of same-sex marriage must be examined through the prism of the Benthamite principle of morality and law-making.

Lockean Social contract theory is the basis of classical liberalism and constitutionalism. John Locke emphasised three fundamental natural rights, namely life, liberty, and property. These rights, he argued, are existed in the state of nature and beyond the long arm of any government. Protection of life, liberty, and property is the gist of constitutionalism, and governmental powers are defined and limited for this purpose by constitutional order. A constitution is a social contract forged between the citizenry and the State.

The Indian Constitution upholds the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21. This made the right to privacy as well as the decriminalisation of homosexuality possible. The Supreme Court in Francis Coralie v. Union Territory of Delhi(1981) underscored that the right to live includes the right to live with human dignity and all that goes along with it, including the right to express oneself in

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diverse forms and mixing and mingling with fellow human beings. Marriage is the highest form of expression, mixing and mingling with fellow human beings. Denial of the right to marriage, irrespective of one's sexual orientation, is an affront to the citizen's right to live with human dignity.

The USA's founding fathers replaced the Lockean right to property with the 'pursuit of happiness' in the American Declaration of Independence. In Obergefell v. Hodges (2015), the United States Supreme Court held that marriage is a pursuit of happiness and the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution. "It is the due process which had made Article 21 a robust fundamental right and which has today enabled the triumph of individual freedom [...] By the time the Indian Constitution came to life in 1950, the due process guarantee was absent from the Constitutional text. Nevertheless, from the ashes of unsavoury rejection by the Drafting Committee, Due Process against all odds found its way into the Indian Constitution."- says Rohan J. Alva in his Liberty After Freedom: A History of Article 21, Due Process and the Constitution of India (2022).

John Rawls, the American political philosopher, argued that people had to choose their justice principles under a 'veil of ignorance.' It is an experiment under which individuals would know nothing about their particular societal positions. Under the 'veil of ignorance,' imaginary people would not know their age, sex, race, social class, religion, abilities, preferences, life goals, or anything else about themselves. Rawls argued that only under a 'veil of ignorance' could human beings reach a fair and impartial agreement (social contract) as true equals, not biased by their place in society.

We must undergo a 'Veil of Ignorance' experiment and forget our sexual orientation and moral and religious biases to adjudge the LGBTQ+ community's right to same-sex marriage. Denial of the marriage right to same-sex couples would breach the Constitutional social contract and its underlying Due Process Clause.

QUOTE CORNER

We also reprioritized where to spend our resources, which ultimately led to the hard decision to eliminate 27,000 corporate roles. There are a number of other changes that we've made over the last several months to streamline our overall costs...

ANDY JASSY, CEO, Amazon

Very soon, most parties will come together. I have spoken to Congress party leaders in detail, and everyone has agreed. We are now doing it (uniting against the BJP) with everyone's agreement.... This is my mission...

NITISH KUMAR, Chief Minister, Bihar

People of Ireland, it's so good to be back in Ireland. I am home. Political violence must never again be allowed to take hold on this island

JOE BIDEN, President, USA

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

OPPOSITION UNITY

Apropos 'Opposition unity depends on Congress ability to give and take'(April 15). Nitish is surviving as chief minister with his art of ditching friends and hitching with enemies. Sharad Pawar is a wavering politician who makes decisions after the horses have bolted. Rahul knows not what he speaks and is always an asset for BJP's fortunes. Congress has no aptitude to give-and-take.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Link language

The learned Bibek Debroy has beautifully explained how a way can be formulated to have a link language around the country without hampering the sentiments of people biased towards a particular language. It has been said that Sanskrit is the mother of all languages. Many of the words in regional languages in India find theirs semblance in Sanskrit words. The best possible solution therefore will be sanskritisation of Indian languages including English, however of course keeping politics aside out of it.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur.

Costly statues

Instead of expensive statues, give leaders' names to the welfare schemes of the poor (and the middle class too) ... to permanently etch the leaders' names on the hearts and minds of people. The souls of leaders too would be happier. Ambedkar's tallest statue in Hyderabad cost Rs 147 crore. Sardar Patel's statue in Gujarat cost Rs. 3,000 crore.

Madhu Nivriti PS, Secunderabad

Private capital

Sandip Ghose's disabusing analysis, 'Govt-business link not new, Opposition must stop tainting it' (April 14) is sane and should be welcome in the hypocritic and drummed up background where it has become a fashion to vilify every attempt at privatisation and the private barons even as the mudslinging anti-BJP state govts continue to be aggressive in attracting huge private investments.

U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Need UCC

Seventy-five years after independence, Constitutional provisions envisaging Uniform Civil Code is not implemented solely to placate minority vote bank. Until the UCC is implemented, a meaningful secularism will not prevail.

B VEERAKUMARAN THAMPI, PATTOM

Christian vote

Editorial 'BJP's Christian push...' (April 14) was an appropriate commentary on the limited prospects of Christian vote support to BJP in Kerala. Thalasserry bishop's aspiring for a rubber price of Rs 300/kg in return for the community support to BJP to win a seat in Kerala is an ambitious one. The party should continue reaching out to the community. Clearance of the cobweb of communal misunderstanding is what is required.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Cinema posters

Apropos 'After 33 Years, Film Posters Reappear In Srinagar (Apr 15)', posters have always played a crucial role in getting people to see films. Posters are often the first point of contact for the audiences as they convey the film's theme.

Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

No plastic

When did Earth Day grow into Earth Month? Well, let's first see what they want us to do this year. Is it an easy "do"? Does it save "me" money? I suggest, we really need to try working on ending plastic pollution every day. It's not hard, and it saves everyone's money. The theme for this year Earth Day is 'Invest in our planet'. So let us follow this theme and put an end to plastic.

Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

P Chidambaram @PChidambaram_IN
In 2018-19, there were 2.02 L ATMs. By 2020-21, this rose to 2.38 L. In a growing economy, while digital payments will grow, cash transactions will grow too

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Decision to conduct CAPF constable exams in 13 languages, along with Hindi & English, is a testament to the visionary leadership of PM @narendramodiji

M K Stalin @mkstalin
As a result of my letter to Honourable @AmitShah, the Union Govt has announced that it would conduct the CAPF exams in all state languages

ISRO says human space mission is an ongoing project

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New Delhi

'First human spaceflight by late next year'

Ali further added that "the first human spaceflight, planned for launch late next year (2024), four IAF pilots have been selected and were undergoing extensive training for the mission. 'Gaganyaan will not be a one-off mission as the government has given approval, ISRO said

INDIA'S Gaganyaan mission will not be a 'one-off' mission. Four Indian Air Force pilots, already selected, have been undergoing extensive training for the mission, a senior official of the Indian Space Research Organisation said on Saturday. Addressing the 'Be Inspired: Festival of Ideas' event here, Imtiaz Ali Khan, Director of ISRO's Directorate of Human Spaceflight Programme, said the follow-on space missions of Gaganyaan may include civilians such as doctors and scientists. He said age was not a very strict criteria for undertaking space missions .

Ali further added that "the first human spaceflight, planned for launch late next year (2024), four Indian Air Force pilots have been selected and were undergoing extensive training for the mission. 'Gaganyaan will not be a one-off mission as the government has given approval for a sustained human spaceflight (HSF) programme,' Ali said, adding that the future missions will be decided after ISRO demonstrates its capabilities by carrying out India's first successful human spaceflight.

He said the kind of benefit one expected from the HSF programme requires a longer stay in microgravity and there was a need to develop new technologies such as rendezvous, docking among others.

He said the selection process was done keeping the space missions requirements in the forefront that required the candidates to be agile, fit, able to understand procedures and work well on simulators during the training sessions.

ISRO plans to send at least two astronauts into a low-earth orbit in 2024 after assessing the outcome of the two orbital test flights. Last week, ISRO completed the final long-duration hot test of the human-rated L110-G Vikas engine, a major achievement.

India avoids 39 mt of CO_2 emissions every year: PM

It's achieved by using over 370 million LED bulbs, says PM Modi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @
New Delhi

When an idea moves from discussion tables to dinner tables, it becomes a mass movement. Making every family and every individual aware that their choices can help the planet can provide scale and speed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

INDIA avoids nearly 39 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year just by using of more than 370 million LED bulbs, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

Addressing online a World Bank event 'Making it Personal: How Behavioral Change Can Tackle Climate Change' ,organised on the impact of behavioral change on climate change, the PM said climate change cannot be fought alone from conference tables.

"When an idea moves from discussion tables to dinner tables, it becomes a mass movement. Making every family and every individual aware that their choices can help the planet can provide scale and speed," said the PM, elucidating the objectives of an India-led 'Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).

Highlighting India's people-driven efforts on the issue, he said: "India has done a lot on this global issue in the last few years. It was the people who made the switch to LED bulbs a success. Nearly 370 million LED bulbs have been sold. This helps in avoiding nearly 39 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide emissions every year."

Giving details of India's performances on behavioral change on climate change, the PM further said that India's farmers have ensured the coverage of nearly 7,000 hectares of farmlands by micro-irrigation as part of Mission LiFE. Sharing the expected-benefits from Mission LiFE, the PM informed a galaxy of global experts of climate and behavioral-changes that India will save over 22 billion units of emergy, nine trillion liters of water, reduce waste by 375 million tonnes ,recycle almost one million tonnes of e-waste and generate around $170 million dollars of additional cost savings by 2030 with this mission.

"Not only all this, the Mission LiFE will also help us reduce the wastage of 15 billion tonnes of food", the PM added, emphasising that the global institutions have an important role to play in encouraging countries across the world. "I am told that the World Bank Group is looking to increase climate finance from 26% to 35% as a share of total financing. Adequate financing methods need to be worked out for behavioral initiatives also. A show of support by the World Bank towards behavioral initiatives such as Mission LiFE will have a ultiplier effect", he remarked.

The Mission LiFE was introduced by PM Modi at COP26 on September 1 in 2021 as a mass movement with an aim to nudge individuals and communities to practice a lifestyle that is synchronous with Nature and does not harm it. As part of it, as an official source claimed here, at least 80% of all villages and urban local bodies are to be made environment-friendly by 2028 in India.

According to the UNEP, if 1 out of 8 billion people worldwide adopt environment-friendly behvaiour in their daily lives, global carbon emissions could drop up to 20%. In India, the average carbon footprint per person is 1.8 tonnes per year as compared to the global average of 4.5 tonnes.

RINKU SINGH

LUCK BY CHANCE: LIFE OF RINKU BEYOND 6S & 4S

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SOMETIMES life plays extraordinary games. It teases, it torments and, at times, it gleefully lifts you out of the morass to turn you into a wonder. Nothing is more close to this playful gamesmanship of life than Rinku Singh, the Kolkata Knight Rider batter. Until a week ago, Rinku was just another player who was seeking brighter prospects in the cash-rich Indian Premier League. Five balls changed his life. Sixes flew to the sky and so did his fortunes. His outrageous innings rekindled the romance of sport and numerous possibilities it can throw up. Rinku turned into a sensation and around him numerous legends grew. His struggle with destiny turned into folklore. As he had confessed in several interactions, nothing was given to him. Everything was a lot of hard-work sprinkled with lucky breaks. Let alone the willow, he could have very well wielded a broom, a mop or faded into oblivion like millions of cricketers in this country. But fate had other plans, and Rinku, like a stubborn

child, held on to his dreams steadfastly. "I was given a job to mop at a training centre but I did not like it and turned it down, and focussed on cricket," he said in Hindi in a KKR video. One great quality is he never gives up. The last-over finish was a testimony to this. "I really worked hard and where I am is because of all that hard work." He recalled how he used to help his father lift cylinders and deliver them to hotels on a bike that he won during a cricket tournament. Having seen the worst side of life, Rinku was grounded even after hitting those sixes. Rinku's family hails from Danpur village of Bulandshahr district in western Uttar Pradesh. However, his father Khanchandra Singh had shifted base to Aligarh in search of work around 25 years ago. His father was a delivery man with a gas agency and there was pressure to excel in studies. The only thing Rinku knew was to play cricket. For many years the family of eight (five brothers and one sister) lived in a two-room quarter in the stockyard provided by the employer of his father.

The 25-year-old's childhood coach throws some light on his early years. A chance inclusion in a team during an inter-school competition gave him the break. "I used to train youngsters at Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar Stadium, Ramghat then. Since his home was just 500m away from the ground, he was a regular. He approached me and told me he wanted to become a cricketer," Masooduz-Zafar Amini, Rinku's childhood coach, told this daily. Amini started training him some 13 years ago. Soon Rinku got an opportunity he was waiting for as one of the teams scheduled to take part in an inter-school competition was looking for players. "Rinku scored an unbeaten 54 off 32 balls. That innings also changed my mindset toward him. We started putting in more effort. The good thing about him is that he takes every aspect of the game seriously, be it batting, bowling, or fielding. He takes fitness seriously and is a quick learner." Off the field, there was pressure on Rinku to help his family survive the rigours of daily life. The meagre income of his father meant his two elder brothers — Sonu and Mukul — started working as an auto-rickshaw driver and a sweeper at a coaching centre. That's where Rinku was offered a job.

"We sent him for selection trials held to pick the UP under-16 team but he failed. We tried again next year but this time, his registration form went missing. The trials were in Kanpur and Rinku was not allowed to compete initially. Somehow we managed to convince the selectors. Then he could not perform. We again convinced the selectors to keep him in the squad. Finally, he was given a chance in a match in Agra where he slammed 156 on debut. He never looked back. His exploits at age-group level paved the way for Ranji debut in 2016 when he was just 18."

In 2017, he was bought by Kings XI Punjab for a base price of ₹10 lakh. Kolkata offered him ₹ 80 lakh next year. Life continued to test Rinku. He was suspended for three months in June 2019 for taking part in an unauthorised tournament. What made the matter worse for him was his removal from India A squad for featuring in that competition. Compared to what life had offered him, this was nothing. Rinku remained focused and this year he has been in immaculate form so far — 156 runs at 78 while striking at 175.28. Going by his journey, there are only bigger things stored for him in the future.

with inputs from Namita Bajpai

If I am corrupt, then the entire world is dishonest, says Kejriwal

AMIT PANDEY @ New Delhi

AMID a raging row over the Delhi excise policy case, the AAP-led Delhi government on Saturday called for a day-long special session on April 17. The session will be held a day after Arvind Kejriwal will appear in the CBI office for questioning over the alleged liquor scam.

The special session is likely to see the Delhi government table a resolution urging the Centre to fix a timeframe for governors and lieutenant governors to carry out their functions in terms of bills and other legislative business.

The rising heat in the AAP camp was evident in the statements issued by Chief Minister Kejriwal. "Modi ji, if you think Kejriwal is bhrashtachari (corrupt), then perhaps there isn't a single honest man in this world," Kejriwal said at a press conference on Saturday.

The decision to hold a special Assembly session came against the backdrop of Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin writing to the CMs of non-BJP-ruled states to extend their support to the resolution passed by the Tamil Nadu assembly. Kejriwal also highlighted the same issues in his tweet on Saturday, tagging his response to Stalin's letter written on April 12.

Kejriwal at his presser assailed the PM and the probe agencies, dismissing all allegations against him and his associates. "How could corruption be an issue for a PM who is embroiled in corruption from head to toe?" said the Delhi Chief Minister.

Kejriwal said "appropriate cases" would be filed against the CBI and ED officials for perjury and producing false evidence in court. He also questioned if any evidence would be needed for PM Modi to be arrested if he claimed that he had given the PM Rs 1,000 crore on a particular date and time.

Full strength SC should not be aberration, says CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @
New Delhi

CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA D Y Chandrachud has said a Supreme Court functioning at its full strength should not be an 'aberration' but a 'regular feature' and asked the in-house think tank -- Center for Research and Planning (CRP)-- to collect data of top 50 judges in the country for selection as future apex court judges.

With the swearing-in of Justices Rajesh Bindal and Aravind Kumar, on February 13, this year, the top court got the full strength of 34 judges including the CJI.

The CRP was set up in 2018 by the then CJI, Ranjan Gogoi, to strengthen the knowledge infrastructure of SC and, apart from research, the think tank is mandated to focus on outreach that includes explaining key decisions of the SC as well as its contribution to law and justice, besides lower courts.

The top court faces the prospect of six judges retiring this year. 'One of my missions has been to ensure that a full-strength SC is not an aberration but a regular feature.

BSF aborts 2nd drone narco ploy by Pak this week, heroin seized

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New Delhi

3.2 kg of heroin, in packets, which was brought in by a Pak drone on Saturday

A rogue drone, operating from Pakistani soil, aborted its mission when it was intercepted by the Border Security Force troops in the early hours of Saturday and retreated on its path after dropping the payload of narco consignment hastily, which was spotted and seized by the vigilant border guards.

A similar attempt by Pakistan was foiled three days back on Wednesday night when a drone carrying similar consignment primarily to fund terror operations, went back dropping a bag of heroin.

According to BSF sources on wee hours of Saturday around 3.21 am , the alert BSF troops deployed at the border, got into action hearing the buzz of a drone, entering from Pakistan into Indian territory in the area near Mallukot Village in Amritsar District. The troops immediately reacted and fired on the intruding drone.

While the drone retreated the troops deployed in the depth area also heard the sound of a drone dropping something in the wheat fields of Bachiwind, a village in the same district. Upon a quick search the BSF troops recovered one big bag containing 3 packets of narcotics suspected to be heroin weighing 3.2 kg from here.

About 3 days back Pakistan's yet another attempt to fund terrorism by pushing consignments of narcotics into India was thwarted by the vigilant men of the BSF when a drone carrying several kilograms of the heroin under the cover of darkness retreated on being intercepted at bordering districts of Punjab on Wednesday.

After BSF troops seized 4.5 kgs from the wheat fields of Maharkhewa Mansa, which was deployed at the border by a drone entering from Pakistan into Indian territory.

Dairy sector still under pandemic shadow, in dire need of revival push

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

IT IS ironic at best. A country that worships cows and also has the largest milk production in the world is going through a downturn in cow economy if one can call it that. Growth rate has dipped to less than one percent after the past eight years of robust growth of 5-6 per cent. Experts point out that the major reasons are the Covid-19 related supply disruption, the skyrocketing price of fodders, and the deaths of over lakhs of cattle due to Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) - a reduction in milk production and making animals weak. Since 2021, LSD has killed over 2.5 lakhs cattle.

"The supply chain of dairy industry was disrupted by Covid-19, which further disrupted the breeding cycle of the cattle," says a senior official at the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying explaining the reason. "The pandemic-related mobility restrictions impacted the implementation of artificial Insemination and Breeding programme, which affected herd maturation add yield," he said.

The fodder crisis has also emerged as another challenge for dairy farmers. Fodder constitutes 70 per cent of the milk cost. "Dry fodders price increased 300 per cent and green fodder price increased up to 200 per cent had further worsened the condition of dairy farmers which further either reduced the milk production or left the dairy farming profession," says Harinder Singh, Punjab-based fodder expert.

Recently the Reserve Bank of India's interest-rate-setting committee said milk prices are causing high inflation. Milk has a weightage of 6.6 per cent in the consumer price index basket. In the last one year, the milk price has increased by over 15 per cent as demand for dairy products grew by 8-10 per cent in the same period because of a rebound in post-pandemic demand. Hence, it contributed to high inflation.

Get real-life experience of flying fighter jets of IAF

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A display at the IAF Heritage Centre at Sector 18 in Chandigarh | EXPRESS

THE upcoming IAF Heritage Museum, which will be inaugurated on May 8 by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, will show 40 short promotional movies that highlight the role the IAF played in the wars since independence. The three-to-eight minute movies will feature the IAF role in landing the first troops of Indian Army in the Kashmir valley in 1947, Kargil war and the Balakot air strikes, among others.

Talking with this newspaper, Group Captain PS Lamba, who is the in charge of the IAF Heritage Centre, said the IAF has prepared 40 short promotional movies of three to eight minutes which highlight the role IAF played and will motivate the youngster to join Indian armed forces.

"These short movies are highlighting the role of the IAF from 1947, 1965, 1971, Kargil, Balakot air strikes and various operations, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief undertaken by IAF, besides its combat capabilities. They also show air power dominance of IAF through these movies depicting various exercises taken up by the IAF both in domestically and intentionally such as Gagan Shakti, Iron Fist and Pitch Black and Desert Night respectively as well as role of different fighter sqadrons'. Also few movies showing training of flight cadets, air men including 'Agniveers' in their respective academies will be telecast in the sound proof audio visual roof in this centre," he said.

A holographic projection will also be shown to visitors in which various aircraft the IAF used since its inception, with voice-over details of each aircraft. Also, unique scenarios of shooting down of a F-16 fighter jet of Paksitan Air Force by MIG-21 (Bison) will be shown, he said.

Lamba said that a virtual reality enclosure has been built up where the visitors can experience flying the hunter aircraft sitting inside the cockpit, attacking the enemy tanks in the battle of Longewala. Also, three state-of-the art simulators giving real-time flying experience of fighter aircraft, including SU-30 and MiG 21 and MiG 23 models.

This centre house five planes – the Gnat, known as the Sabre killer for fighter's daredevilry in the 1971 war, MiG 21, MiG 23, trainer aircraft HPT-32 Deepak and Air Force's Kanpur-1 vintage prototype aircraft, a rare single-engine machine.

RISING HEATWAVE

There seems to be no respite from the heatwave like conditions for the residents of Bihar as the mercury crossed the 43 degrees Celsius mark in at least five places in the state.

5 HELD WITH TIMBER IN J-K'S SAMBA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	21	Mumbai	31	23
Bhopal	34	18	Panaji	30	22
Jaipur	30	17	Patna	34	20
Amritsar	26	13	Lucknow	32	18
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	33	24
Kolkata	33	24	Imphal	28	14
Srinagar	16	04	Chandigarh	27	13

'Gehlot looted Raj to fill Cong coffer'

Home Minister Amit Shah accuses the CM of practising 'appeasement politics'

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday virtually kicked off the BJP campaign for the Rajasthan elections with a scathing attack on the Ashok Gehlot government. Calling it one of the most corrupt governments in India's history, Shah accused the Gehlot government of playing appeasement politics which, he said, was symbolised by recent acquittals in the Jaipur bomb blast case.

Addressing party workers and office bearers in Bharatpur, Shah took a jibe at the infighting in the Rajasthan Congress saying Sachin Pilot has no chance of ever becoming CM because Gehlot has given far more money to the Congress treasury by looting Rajasthan.

"Pilot's number will never come. Even though Pilot is very active at the grassroots level, Gehlot's contribution to the Congress coffers is huge," Shah said.

He also taunted Gehlot and Pilot, saying that they are fighting unnecessarily for the chair in Rajasthan because now neither of them can become CM as BJP will return to power in Rajasthan.

Shah accused the Gehlot government of 'appeasement politics'. He said that well-planned riots have taken place in Rajasthan in recent years, but the Gehlot government does not take any strict steps due to the greed of the vote bank.

Amit Shah at the Booth Vijay Sankalp campaign in Bharatpur on Saturday | EXPRESS

On the release of the Jaipur bomb blast accused, Shah alleged that the Gehlot government did not argue the case properly in the High Court.

Shah said the "people of Rajasthan know everything. This government disappeared from the minds of the people on the same day it banned the procession on Ram Navamim, he added.

Shah also made it clear that the next assembly election will be fought on the face of PM Modi. Attacking CM Gehlot, Shah said the Gehlot government has "promoted dynasty and incited casteism".

Former CM Vasundhara Raje, who was present in this programme, also took a dig at the Gehlot government while reciting ballads in praise of the central government. She said, "I am sorry that Gehlot ji is talking, not working. Rajasthan has become number one in women and Dalit atrocities. Gehlot says that the Bharatiya Janata Party tries to usurp other governments, while he himself formed the government in 2008 and 2018 through manipulations."

In an obvious show of unity, all senior BJP leaders of the state from President CP Joshi, Leader of Opposition Rajendra Rathore, Deputy Leader of Opposition Satish Poonia, and Union Ministers Arjun Meghwal, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Kailash Chaudhary also participated in this program.

In the last elections, BJP's account was not even opened in three out of four districts of Bharatpur division. The BJP's position in Bharatpur, Karauli and Sawai Madhopur remained zero while it won only one seat in Dholpur. At present, there is no BJP MLA on 19 seats in Bharatpur division.

In the last election, Bharatpur division had become a big reason for BJP to be out of power.

The Amit Shah rally on Saturday was a reflection of the BJP's focus on strengthening booths with social engineering in this vital part of eastern Rajasthan where the party was very weak in the 2018 elections.

C'garh clash: 8 BJP leaders served notice for 'hate post'

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh police served notices to eight BJP functionaries asking them to give grounds for their alleged hateful contents they had posted on social media following the communal clashes that erupted in Biranpur in Bemetra district on April 8.

"All the BJP leaders who have been issued the notices are asked to appear before the police and present factual information linked to their posts", said Prashant Agrawal, Raipur senior superintendent of police. The Raipur civil lines police station incharge in the notice cited the necessity to inquire into the complaints received regarding the posts on hate content on social media.

The police produced the contents allegedly posted on social media by each BJP functionary in their respective notices served. They have been asked to present the factual information related to their posts before the police next week.

One of the notices accessed by this newspapers had elucidated the posts of the BJP state spokesperson Sanjay Shrivastava, related to the Biranpur (communal clash): "#Bhupesh ka Jihadgarh, *ye bilkul* talibani *hukumat hai*……(Bhupesh's Jihadgarh, this is absolutely a Taliban rule). A Hindu youth beaten by the mob; there is no value of Sanatanis,"

The police interpreted the above post had a potential to create detrimental impact on peace, bringing forth animosity and anger to harm communal harmony. The BJP state general secretary O P Choudhary denounced the notices served to BJP leaders, calling it Congress government's double standards. "BJP will not be deterred with such notices and continue to fight for safeguarding the Sanatana dharma", he said.

'Congress filed complaint against hate comments'

The Congress had filed a complaint with the Raipur police on April 12 claiming that such social media posts were spreading hate. The police interpreted the post had a potential to create detrimental impact on peace, and harm to communal harmony.

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CP Singh calls out Nitish on PM dream

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar has earned several sobriquets for his political flip-flops, such as 'Kursi Kumar', but the latest one has come from his once close aide and former union minister RCP Singh. Singh's jibe at Nitish has coincided with the latter's efforts to stitch together an alliance of opposition parties against PM Narendra Modi and BJP in coming election. Singh recently gave a full form of 'PM' and said that in Nitish's context, it meant 'Paltu Ram'. You were PM, you are PM, you will remain PM: RCP told Nitish. Now, it has to be seen whether Nitish ignores it or comes up with a smarter jibe at Singh.

RJD minister drawing criticism again

Bihar education minister Prof Chandrashekhar is known for stirring controversies. Earlier, he had stirred a controversy for being critical of Tulsidas for his alleged anti-lower caste and anti-woman stand in the religious epic Ramcharitmanas. This time too, he is facing flak for describing Dr BR Ambedkar as the most erudite person of the country in the present 21st century. His detractors reacted sharply and said that the Father of Indian Mathematics Aryabhatta was born in Bihar and is also credited for discovering zero but the minister ignored this fact.

Rules twisted to relieve don-turned politician

Bihar government brought certain amendment in rules to provide relief to don-turned politician Anand Mohan, who was convicted and awarded life term in connection with brutal killing of a senior IAS officer G Krishnaiah. Anand Mohan, former MP of Sheohar, is languishing in Saharsa jail. His family members, including his former MP wife Lovely Anand and son Chetan Anand, RJD MLA, had been exerting pressure on CM Nitish Kumar to get Mohan released as he has already finished 20 years in prison. Home department issued a notification deleting Bihar jail manual.

GUJARAT

Another sewer staff dies, toll up by 8 in a month

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT continues to experience deaths of sewer workers with another cleaner's demise on Thursday, taking the toll to eight in a month. The deceased's (Raghu Solanki) family refused to accept the body and demanded justice. They also filed a police report against the contractor.

Interestingly, although the incident occurred on Thursday, the police initially registered an accidental death case. Solanki's family requested proper compensation on Friday and refused to accept the deceased's body until compensation and justice were served. As a result, the police eventually registered offenses under relevant IPC sections.

His wife, Devu Ben, filed an FIR against Shri Ram, the manager of the marriage hall where Raghu was called to clean the drainage line. She claimed Ram knew that lowering him into the tank without safety equipment may result in death by asphyxia, but he made him go anyway.

TMC MLA hurls 2 phones in pond during CBI raid on teachers recruitment scam

PRANAB MANDAL @ Kolkata

TMC MLA from Murshidabad — Jiban Krishna Saha — grabbed two of his mobile phones during a CBI interrogation on Friday in connection with irregularities in teachers' recruitment in schools, ran towards his backyard and threw the handsets into a pond. Surprised investigators suspect evidence related to the alleged recruitment scam was stored in the cellphones.

The central agency on Saturday engaged three pumps to drain out water of the pond and asked labourers to search the waterbody. Even after searching for 10 hours, the gadgets could not be recovered.

The CBI swung into action and raided six places of TMC leaders shortly after Union Home minister Amit Shah, while addressing a rally in Birbhum on Friday, said nothing can stop the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from probing into the recruitment scam in which former education minister Partha Chatterjee and several education department officials were arrested last year.

A team of CBI officers went to the residence of Saha, an MLA from Burwan constituency in Murshidabad. "We came to know about a middleman after interrogating jailed and expelled TMC leader Kuntal Ghosh and while pursuing the lead, Saha's name surfaced," said an agency sleuth.

The CBI sources said documents related to the alleged recruitment scam were recovered from Saha's residence and office. "We found five bags stashed with recruitment related documents in a bush adjacent to the boundary wall of his house."

'After 10 hrs of search, phones not recovered'

The central agency on Saturday engaged three pumps to drain out water of the pond and asked labourers to search the waterbody. Even after searching for 10 hours, the gadgets could not be recovered. During the interrogation, when officers asked for his phone, he grabbed the phones and ran out of the room he was being questioned in.

Army monitors how troops follow amended SOPs in counter-insurgency

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Army on Saturday said it is monitoring how the amended standard operating procedures (SOPs) are being followed by its troops during counter-insurgency operations in the Northeast.

Certain amendments were made to the SOPs in the aftermath of the December 4, 2021 botched ambush at Oting in Nagaland's Mon district.

The elite Para commandos had carried out the operation that left 13 civilians and a personnel dead. The civilians were mistaken for militants.

Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita told reporters in Guwahati that immediately after the incident, the Army authorities analysed the mistakes internally and reviewed the conduct of operation in those areas comprehensively.

"Whatever necessary amendments had to be done to the SOPs and the rules and provisions for the conduct of operations not only in Nagaland but also Manipur, southern Arunachal, and upper Assam were put in place. Now, we are following up on how the troops are following the amended SOPs to carry out operations. I am sure they are being strictly followed by all the troops," Lt Gen Kalita said.

He said a court of inquiry was conducted soon after the incident.

However, because of the stay order passed by the Supreme Court, the proceedings had been stayed completely. That's where the situation is as far as the Army inquiry is concerned, he said.

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Lt Rana Pratap Kalita, Eastern Army Commander

In July last year, the Supreme Court had stayed criminal proceedings against the 30 personnel who were involved in the operation after noting that previous sanction as required under Section 6 of the Armed Forces (Special 4 Powers) Act, 1958, had not been obtained.

This followed two petitions, filed by the wives of the Army officers named in the case, seeking the quashing of an FIR lodged by the Nagaland Police.

The Nagaland Police had charge sheeted 30 personnel after a probe by a special investigation team.

Charges of murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder were slapped on them.

Last year, the Nagaland Police had approached the Ministry of Defence seeking sanction to prosecute the personnel but it was denied.

"…the competent authority (Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Government of India) has conveyed its denial to accord sanction for prosecution against all the 30 accused," the Nagaland Police said recently.

Remains of a bus that fell into a gorge on Mumbai-Pune highway on Saturday | PTI

13 killed, 29 hurt as bus falls into 300-ft deep gorge in Maha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

OF the 42 people on board, thirteen, including three minors, were killed and 29 injured after a bus carrying young members of a traditional 'Dhol-Tasha-Zaanj' music group fell into a gorge on the old Mumbai-Pune highway in Raigad district of Maharashtra on Saturday, police said.

The accident took place near Khopoli, 70 km from Mumbai. The private bus was travelling from Pune to Mumbai when it plunged into the 300-feet deep gorge in the Bor Ghat mountain pass section, known as Khandala Ghat, between 4.15 and 4.30 am, said a senior police official.

Among the injured, at least six are minors. Most of the music troupe members were in their twenties or teens. The group, which played traditional instruments of Dhol, Tasha and Zaanj, was returning to Mumbai after taking part in an event in Pimpri Chinchwad, near Pune city.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde expressed his grief over the mishap and announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the kin of each deceased

Astro labs in western UP govt schools have students star-struck

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IT is a unique experience for the residents of villages of districts like Bulandshahr, Bijnor, of western UP as they embark upon a journey to the world of stars to unravel the mysteries of galaxies and milky ways every afternoon by visiting the astronomy labs, equipped with high end telescopes set up in the state council schools – both primary and upper primary.

Even after two years of the initiative, the endeavour continues to excite the villagers — school children and elderly — alike. The immediate impact of these Astro labs has been a jump in attendance of students in schools.

The telescope at one such Astro lab in Nizampur village of Bulandshahr has shattered the charm of 'silver dish,' which Ram Swarup Bhati, 64, witnesses daily. "It is not as beautiful as it looks in the sky with naked eye, it is rather full of dark craters," he muses. In another lab, the stars, visible through the telescope even during the daytime, are enough to ignite the curiosity of Sumit, 12, about the mysteries of the space.

Sumit studies in Mukundgarhi village panchayat school of Bulandshahr and is one among many such curious students who hardly miss school because of their astro period, when they are taken to the lab to get a glimpse of celestial bodies.

Astro labs in schools has caused a jump in attendance of students | EXPRESS

Even women in Mukundgarhi village gather at the astro lab to explore the sky through the telescope every night after winding up their household chores.

As per the then Bulandshahr CDO, Abhishek Pandey, the initiative for setting up astro labs was taken in 2021 in consonance with the New Education Policy of the Central Government. Initially, there was a proposal for setting up 160 such labs in gram panchayats but only 100 have agreed. However, so far, 109 such labs have been established in Bulandshahr.

Each lab, equipped with a telescope, spectrometer, space missions, star charts, panels of the Solar System, virtual reality goggles, and a variety of pedagogical tools and models, related to various scientific hypothesises, used to cost around ₹2.5 lakh and the funds are managed from UP government's Operation Kayakalp – a scheme floated to upgrade school infrastructure.

The lab is painted as a celestial object with dark and vibrant coloured walls. Moreover, the ambience reflects the night sky with stars, galaxies, Sun and moon painted all over.

"The ambience is such to trigger curiosity about the space sciences among the students and sustain their interest in the aspects of astronomy through experiential learning," says Savita Chaudhury, the science teacher at the school in Nizampur village.

The endeavour has also been helpful in creating a 'sense for science' not only in school children but among adults as well.

The teachers in the primary and upper primary schools with astro Labs had to go through a rigorous training sessions. Master teachers' trainers were chosen to provide training to the other teachers. Furthermore, the Bulandshahr administration collaborated with startup Spark Astronomy of Aryan Mishra, country's youngest astronomer, as the knowledge partner for a better training process and setting up of labs.

Now, the schoolgirls are aware of the contributions of the likes of Kalapana Chawla and Sunita Willams to the space sciences, drawing inspiration from them and ready to follow their footsteps. Rohit Rana, 13, of class 8 has decided to adopt space research as his career option.

Even the creation of such astro labs in western UP villages has created a buzz even outside the country.

Moved by the endeavour, the British High Commission had donated 35 computers to these labs, processing of streaming data from dozens of telescopes across the world, informs the CDO, Bulandshahr.

He also believes that such methods of experiential leads the students to improve upon their vocabulary, communication skills with better insight about the subject.

Tools in lab cost ₹2.5L

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FOUR

migrants and a suspected trafficker died in a highway crash in Greece near Turkish border, police said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	TDS	Los Angeles	25	13	LC
Colombo	30	26	LC	Melbourne	14	11	HR
Dhaka	38	26	TDS	Moscow	13	4	HR
Dubai	30	19	SNY	New York	13	6	LC
Houston	24	16	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	14	8	LC	Toronto	8	2	LC
London	17	10	LC	Washington	17	4	LC

Heavy smoke bellows above buildings in the vicinity of the Khartoum airport amid clashes in the Sudanese capital on Saturday | AFP

Fight between paramilitary and army rocks Sudan

KHARTOUM

FIERCE fighting erupted on Saturday in Sudan's capital between the military and the country's powerful paramilitary force, raising fears of a wider conflict in the country. A doctors' group said at least three people were killed and dozens injured.

The clashes between the military and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) group capped months of heightened tensions between both sides.

The paramilitaries said they were in control of the airport as well as the presidential place, claims denied by the army.

The sound of heavy firing could be heard across the capital, Khartoum, and its sister city of Omdurman, where both, the military and the RSF have amassed tens of thousands of troops since an October 2021 military coup that derailed Sudan's path to democracy.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, commander of Sudan's military, said in a phone interview with *Al Jazeera*, that RSF troops first "harassed" the military south of Khartoum, triggering the clashes. Burhan accused the RSF of entering Khartoum airport and setting fire to some planes. He also said all strategic facilities including the military's headquarters and the Republican palace, are under his forces' control.

Meanwhile, the head of the RSF, Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, accused Burhan of starting the battle by surrounding the troops of RSF.

"This criminal, he forced this battle upon us," he said.

One of the flashpoints was Khartoum International Airport, where clashes grounded commercial Sudan-bound flights from Saudi Arabia turned back after nearly landing at the airport, flight tracking data showed on Saturday.

A passenger plane preparing to take off from Sudan for Saudi Arabia came under fire on on Saturday.

The Airbus A330 bound for Saudi Arabia "was exposed to gunfire damage... with guests and crew on board" ahead of its scheduled departure to Riyadh, Saudia said. "It has been confirmed that all members of the aircraft's cabin crew have safely arrived at the Saudi Embassy in Sudan." *Agencies*

NEXT FORTNIGHT

Pakistan govt set to increase petrol price by Rs 10-14 a litre

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN is set to hike the prices of petroleum products by Rs 10-14 per litre during the next fortnight, further burdening the people who are hit by skyrocketing inflation, a media report said on Saturday.

The federal government may increase the price of petroleum products attributing to rising oil prices in global markets, *The News International* quoted the industry sources.

The increase can jump up to Rs 14 per litre if the government also adjusts the exchange rate losses, unlike the previous review when the authorities didn't pass on the impact of rupee devaluation to the masses.

According to the working of the country's oil sector, the ex-depot price of petrol has clocked in at Rs 14.77 per litre for the next review of the prices with the exchange rate loss adjustment. The current ex-depot price of petrol is Rs 272 per litre, which may go up to Rs 286.77 per litre if the government decides to pass on the impact of global oil prices and exchange rate losses. The expected rise in the price of petrol is based on the present rate of taxes. The government charges Rs 50 per litre levy on petrol with zero general sales tax.

On the other hand, the price of high-speed diesel (HSD) will likely remain unchanged in the next review of prices as the current ex-depot price of HSD is also the same compared to the working for the next fortnightly price of diesel.

The government raised the petroleum levy on HSD to Rs 50 per litre under IMF conditions in the last review of prices and charged no GST on it. According to the sources, although working in the oil sector is reflecting a rise in the price of petrol and no change in HSD, it all depends on government as to what it would decide. *PTI*

Explosive thrown at Japanese premier Kishida at campaign event; one hurt

WAKAYAMA

JAPANESE PM Fumio Kishida was evacuated unharmed Saturday after someone threw an explosive device in his direction while he was campaigning at a fishing port in western Japan, officials said.

Police wrestled a suspect to the ground as screaming bystanders scrambled to get away and smoke filled the air.

One police officer was slightly hurt and and Kishida continued campaigning on Saturday, the chaotic scene was reminiscent of the assassination nine months ago of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Fumio Kishida was visiting Saikazaki port in Wakayama prefecture to support his ruling party's candidate in a local election, and the explosion occurred just before he was to begin his speech.

A man, centre, is caught after what appeared to be a smoke bomb was thrown at a port in Wakayama in western Japan on Saturday | AP

A young man believed to be a suspect was arrested on Saturday at the scene after he allegedly threw "the suspicious object," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said. Matsuno refused to comment on the suspect's motive and background, saying police are still investigating.

The investigation at the scene continued late into the night. Japanese media reports said the suspect refused to talk to police until his lawyer arrived.

TV footage shows Kishida standing with his back to the crowd. His security detail suddenly points to the ground near him, and the PM whips around, looking alarmed.

The camera quickly turns to the crowd just as several people, including uniformed and plainclothes police officers, converge on a young man wearing a white surgical mask and holding what appears to be another device, a long silver tube.

As they collapse on top of the man, working to remove the tube from his hands, a large explosion is heard near where Kishida had been standing.

The crowd scatters in panic as the police officials roughly drag the man away. *AP*

Massive fire guts shopping centre in Bengladesh

DHAKA

A massive pre-dawn fire gutted thousands of shops at a shopping centre here on Saturday, forcing the fire service to seek the help of the military, paramilitary as well as police to extinguish the blaze, the second such incident in Bangladesh's capital this month.

The fire, which raged a few days after a popular clothing market was partially destroyed, began on the second floor of New SuperMarket, a shopping centre between the popular Newmarket and Dhaka College, around 5.45 am and quickly spread to other floors, Newmarket Police Station chief Shafiqul Gani Sabu, was quoted as saying by news portal *bdnews24.com*. Fire service officials said there were no reports of deaths in the tragedy as the fire erupted before shops opened for the day. The officials said 34 people, including 15 firefighters and rescue workers alongside the shop owners, fell sick as they inhaled black smoke while the rescue campaign was underway.

The injured were rushed to specialised Sheikh Hasina Burn Institute and Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors said the conditions of at least two of them were 'critical.' "The fire has largely come under control within three hours after it broke out...We are carrying out the rescue campaign... our priority is to save the shops as much as possible," the fire service chief said. He, however, noted that flammable objects were there in some shops as consumer items which quickened the spread of the fire in the three-story market and gutted over 100 shops.

He said the cause of the fire could not be ascertained immediately but did not rule out possibilities of sabotage. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Army chief powerful person: Ex-PM Khan

Islamabad: The Army chief is the most powerful person in Pakistan's politics and everyone follows his decisions, ousted PM Imran Khan has said, slamming the military establishment for siding with the country's "corrupt mafias" to ensure that he should not return to power. Addressing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party supporters, Khan urged the people to stand with Supreme Court at a time when "imported government" is trying to bring it down. "The Army chief is the most powerful person in Pakistan's politics.

Tunisia footballer dies after setting himself alight in protest

TUNIS: A professional footballer in Tunisia has died after setting himself alight earlier this week in what he called a protest against the "police state" ruling the country, his brother said on Friday. Nizar Issaoui, 35, suffered third-degree burns from his action in the village of Haffouz in the central region of Kairouan, his brother Ryad told AFP. He was taken from hospital in Kairouan to the specialist burns hospital in the capital Tunis, but doctors were unable to save his life, the brother said. "He died yesterday (Thursday) and will be buried today." Issaoui's protest recalled that of street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi, who burned himself to death on December 17, 2010, sparking the Tunisian revolution that was the trigger for the Arab Spring uprisings which toppled authoritarian regimes across West Asia.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that I, Sudhamani alias Sudha have executed the notarized affidavit on 15.04.2023, sworn to before Sri. Mohammed Hussain, Notary, bearing registration no. 20459. That both the names are one and same and it is me. And my Aadhar no. is 2528 1023 3754. This is for confirmation hence, this public notice.

Sudhamani
No. 13, Venkateswara Nilaya,
S.R Layout, 1st Cross, Murugeshpalya,
Vimanapura, Bangalore 560 017

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
C.Mis. No. 62/2023

Between: Smt. Shubha & Others ... Petitioners
And: The Chief Officer ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Muniyappa S/o Munishamappa was died on 24-09-1997 at Ward No.23, Akkupete, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Prl Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on **26-05-2023** at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No.62/2023.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on this 06-04-2023.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioners: **A. Geetharani, K.V. Vishwanath,** Advocates
Office at Akkupete, Ward No.23,
Devanahalli Town,
Bangalore Rural District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that Sri. V. Venkateshan, S/o. R. Velayudham, Residing at No. 1362, 5th Main Road, Prakash Nagar, Rajajinagar, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, My client had informed me that he had lost/misplaced the Sale deed dated 08/11/1981, registered as document No. 3947/81-82, Book 1, Volume 480, Pages 116 – 120, before the Office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar Bengaluru, by executed by Smt. Kamalamma and others in favor of Sri. R Krishnamurthy. In this regard my client had also lodged the complaint before the Police.

If any persons are having any right, title or Interest over the above said property they can inform the same to the to the below mentioned address within 7 days from the publication of the notice. If no claim is received within 7 days from publication it will be taken as there is no claim from anybody in respect of the above Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of property bearing Old No. 2, presently No. 1362/98-3, situated at Prakash Nagar, Kethamaranahalli, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru measuring **East to West:** On Northern side 14.3 feet, on south 15 feet and **North to South:** 40 feet and bounded on **East by:** Portion of the same site, **West by:** Kondamma's Property, **North by:** Site No. 3, **South by: Road.**

Prajwal Hegde, Advocate,
No.61, Chennakeshava Complex, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram 8th cross,
Bengaluru-560003 Mob No. 7259743894

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr. Murthy .S**, aged 47 years S/o Late Shivanna Setty, R/at No 53/2, Society colony, 4th cross, Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560030. is intended to Purchase the the property fully described in the schedule hereunder from Sree Srinivas Murthy Y, Smt Venkatalakshmma, Sree Balaji V and Smt T V Geethanjali, are the Absolute Owners and in physical possession of the Schedule property bearing new Municipal No 6/2-1, Old Property No 26/6-A and 27/6-B formed in property No88/3 Having old PID No 63-53-6/2-1, New PID No146-W0048-28 situated at 3rd B Cross Road, Nanjappa layout Adugodi.

Any person/s or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of our clients, should lodge his / her / their / its objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned **within 10 days** of the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our clients will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing new Municipal No 6/2-1, Old Property No 26/6-A and 27/6-B formed in property No88/3 Having old PID No 63-53-6/2-1, New PID No146-W0048-28 situated at 3rd B Cross Road, Nanjappa layout Adugodi, Bengalur. Measuring East to West 46Ft, and South to North 17.6Ft along with 4 Squares of constructed Building on the ground floor with RCC Roofing and redoxide flooring with Jungle wood doors and windows and Bounded on the: **East by :** Property No 33, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property of A Govindappa, **South by:** Property of U Eranna.

SHIVANANDA, Advocate,
Ghandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.
(Mobile 8553382722, 9845320321)

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BENJAMIN DISRAELI

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. K.P.Sandeep** S/O. K.P. Chandrasekharan, aged about 41 years, R/o. # A-210, Peninsula Pinnacles Apartment, Exide Factory Road, Billapura, Sarjapura, Bengaluru-562 125, intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt.N.V.Devika,** Aged about 44yrs, D/o. Late Venkatesh Reddy, W/o. R.Muniswamy Reddy, R/o. # 03, Ramakrishna Nilaya, Temple Road, Near Vakiel Township, Chikkathimasandra, Muthanallur, Anekal, Bangalore -560 099, and **M/s. Anand Estates & Developers,** A Partnership Firm, **FIRWBSD/652/14-15,** having its Registered Office at MIG/C673, 13th B Cross, 22nd Main Suryanagar Phase I, KHB, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560081, Represented by its Partner Sri U.G.Anand for a valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, interest, title, ownership or right over the Schedule Property, such person/s may lodge his/her/their objections with the under signed counsel with documentary proof within 10 days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with the said transaction complying with all legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.210, E-Katha **No.309/210, PID No. 150200102100820302, measuring East to West: 15.24 Mtr and North to South: 9.14 Mtr, totally measuring 139.29 Sq.Mtr.,** bounded on East by: Site No.201, West by: 12.19 Mtr. Road, North by: Site No.211 and South by: Site No.209, carved on Survey No.35/2, measuring 1 acre 28 guntas, converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No.A.S.H/SR/148/2014-15, dated 21-02-2015, in the layout known as "Sun Sparkle" Plan sanctioned vide No. APA/LAO/96/14-15, situated at Alibommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Sd/- **K.RAJIBA,** Advocate,
T.D-4, Sowparnika Ananda Sompura Gate, Sarjapura Road Bengaluru-562 125.
Mob: No.9880 282793

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Arun Surendran** S/o. Surendran P., aged about 41 years, R/at # D-210, Peninsula Pinnacles Apartment, Exide Factory Road, Billapura, Sarjapura, Bengaluru-562 125, intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt.N.V.Devika,** aged about 44yrs, D/o. Late Venkatesh Reddy, W/o. R.Muniswamy Reddy, R/o. # 03, Ramakrishna Nilaya, Temple Road, Near Vakiel Township, Chikkathimasandra, Muthanallur, Anekal, Bangalore -560 099, and **M/s. Anand Estates & Developers,** A Partnership Firm, **FIRM/BSD/652/14-15,** having its Registered Office at MIG/C673, 13th B Cross, 22nd Main Suryanagar Phase I, KHB, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore — 560 081, Represented by its Partner Sri U.G.Anand for a valuable sale consideration.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.203, **E-Katha No.381/203, PID No. 150200102100820408, measuring East to West : 15.24 Mtr and North to South: 9.14 Mtr, totally measuring 139.29 Sq.Mtr.,** bounded on East by: 12.19 Mtr., Road, West by: Site No.208, North by: Site No.202 and South by: Site No.204, carved on Survey No.35/2, measuring 1 acre 28 guntas, converted for residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No. A.S.H/SR/148/2014-15 dated 21-02-2015, in the layout known as **"Sun Sparkle"** Plan sanctioned vide No. APA/LAO/96/14-15, situated at Alibommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Sd/- **K. RAJIBA,** Advocate,
T.D-4, Sowparnika Ananda,
Sompura Gate, Sarjapura Road,
Bengaluru-562 125. Mob. 9880 282793

Important Notice

All the esteemed members of the Society are hereby informed that as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, dated 29.03.2023, an order has been issued to transfer INR 5000 crores from the Sahara-Sebi account to the Central Registrar, Co-operative Societies, New Delhi, so that the complaints from the esteemed depositors could be resolved. In this context, we wish to inform you all the members, that you must seek your repayment only through the due process specified by the Central Registrar, Co-operative Societies, New Delhi. Kindly do not attempt to secure your repayment through any middlemen or mediator. This may lead to cheating/frauds and you could even end up losing your money. Any loss thus incurred shall not be the responsibility of the management of the Society. Therefore, we again request you, all of our esteemed members, to seek repayment only and only through the process specified by the Central Registrar.

Thank you — **- Sahara India Pariwar**

Government of Odisha "e" procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. PWDK- 02/2023-24
No.G2/ 2830 Dt.12.04.2023
e-mail: eepwdkeonjhar@yahoo.com

B-73

1	No. of the work:-	02 Nos. Building Wort
2	Estimated Cost :-	From ₹ 275.95 Lakh to ₹ 503.95 lakh
3	Period of competion	6(Six) Calendar Months
4	Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal :-	From 10.00 Hr 19.04.2023 to 17.00 Hr of 01.05.2023
5	Last date / Time for receipt of bids In the portal:-	17.00 Hr of 01.05.2023
6	Date of opening of Bid from portal:-	11.30 Hr of 02.05.2023
7	Name and address of the officer inviting Bid:	Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Division Keonjhar

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Keonjhar (R&B) Division — **OIPR- 34004/11/0002/2324**

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City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore–560 009.
THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 02-12-2022 calling upon the borrower **SRI. RANGE GOWDA.E S/O LATE ESHWARAPPA.P.T** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being **Rs.84,63,579/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Nine Only)** further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **16th day of April of the year 2023.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount **Rs.84,63,579/-** and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : SRI. RANGE GOWDA.E
Surety Name : SRI. N.MANJUNATH
Loan Amount : Rs.84,63,579/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description of the Immovable Property.

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Land and the Building bearing Municipal Old No.77, New No.77/2, PID NO.92-2-2, Nandidurga Extension, Bangalore- BBMP No.2, 2nd Road, Nandi Durga Extension, Ward No.92, Measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 45 feet, Totally admeasuring 2700 Sq.ft and existing / Three Floor Building of Ground, First and Second Floor having total admiring 36 Squares and the Site being Bounded :-

East by : Road, West by : Site No.72,
North by : Road, South by : Site No.76

Date : 16.04.2023
Place : Bangalore.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Triumph Mechanics Pvt Ltd/ L Girish/ LBBNG00004900381/ LBBNG00005321490	(As described in the Loan document / property document covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Site No.772 West of Chord Road 3rd Block, 3rd Statge Bangarlore Extension Measuring North To South (61+60)/2 Ft And East To West (40.6+40)/2 Ft. Bounded By: North: Site No. 755 South: Road East: Site No.771 West: Site No.773/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/ 12/04/2023.	26.12.2022/ Rs. 3,66,65, 687.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 15, 2023 — **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **ICICI Bank Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.

O-49 AT/PO- NAYABAZAR, CUTTACK -753004, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email-serwkpd@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online RCK-14/23 **Letter No. - 1404** **Date:- 13.4.23**

1. Name of the work : Tender for the road projects of Constituency wise R.D Roads developed under TRIP /CMRL /Impvt. To Existing RD Roads Scheme during 2022-23 in the Dist. of Jajpur.
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached.
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Date & Time of opening of tender Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK - 14/23	18.04.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	02.05.2023 to 05.00 P.M.	02.05.2023 up to 02.00 P.M.	03.05.2023 at 11.30 A.M.	To be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-jajpur — **OIPR- 25129/11/0003/2324**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) DIVISION, JEYPORE
e-Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. S.E (R&B)-01/2023-24/JYP(K)
No 4390 Date. 11.04.2023

B-71: Bid Documents consisting of work, Estimated Cost, Cost of Tender paper, EMD, Time of completion, Class of Contractors and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen in Govt. Website i.e. **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

1.	Name of the Work	: **Civil, EI & PH Works as mentioned in DTCN.**
2.	No. of Works	: 5 Nos.
3.	Estimated Cost	: **Rs.63.21 lakhs to Rs.186.18 lakhs**
4.	Period of completion	: Three Months to Two Months
5.	Date & Time of Bidding	: From 11.00 hours of 20.04.2023 Up-to 17.00 hours of 04.05.2023
6.	Last date & time for receipt of bids in portal	: **17.00 hours of 04.05.2023**
7.	Bids received online shall be opened on	: 11.00 hours of 06.05.2023.
8.	Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	: **Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Division, Jeypore**

Further details can be seen from the **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

OIPR-34027/11/0001/2324 — **Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Division, Jeypore**

7% economic growth India will achieve in financial year 2022-23, says finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the IMF Headquarters

'Have come long way from being British boxwallah to an Indian firm'

Berger Paints should be able to grow at 12% despite rising competition, says MD and CEO

DIPAK MONDAL

BERGER Paints has come a long way from being a company with a British heritage to transforming itself completely into a company with Indian DNA in the last 100 years of its existence. As it celebrates its centenary this year, TNIE spoke to MD and CEO Abhijit Roy about this transformation. Here's an excerpt of the interaction:

It's been 100 years for Berger Paints. How has been the journey so far and what lies ahead for the company in the next 10 years?

It's been a different type of a journey for us, from being a British boxwallah to being an Indian company, which delivers sales, delivers profit, and doesn't sack people at the drop of a hat.

We are today in the top 100 most valuable companies in India. We are No. 2 after Asian Paints in India, we are the fourth largest in Asia in paints and coatings, and the seventh largest in the world.

Primarily our operations are in India and we also have a presence in Nepal and Bangladesh. In Bangladesh, we are the leader with 56-57% market share. We have operations in Russia and in Poland as well, which are direct subsidiaries of Berger India.

We have acquired a few companies -- small ones -- in the recent past. We acquired the ICI India Rishra factory in West Bengal. We acquired Saboo Coatings, which is a specialty chemical company. We acquired STP Ltd, which is a construction chemical company, a few years back. And then we acquired Jensen Nicholson, Nepal.

We have done an enormous amount of new things in the industry in the recent past. Much of it has been also copied by the entire industry including the leader. Earlier, we used to copy them, but in the last 8-9 years, we have been innovating and mostly they have been copying at a lower price.

When it comes to innovative products, what are they, can you elaborate?

So, the first one which we introduced was Easy Clean. The entire tinting system, which has become very common in the paint industry today where you have a machine, which contains whatever shade you want, that particular thing was initiated by Jensen Nicholson. They of course collapsed in 3-4 years after that but we continued. Then we created a product called Easy Clean, which is advertised heavily. That's a product which has been a big hit. We introduced anti-dust paint for exteriors that is again a very interesting product.

Patti, which is used to level the wall, is a commodity product. But we created a product called Waterproof Patti. We combined waterproofing with Patti and launched it as a water proof Patti at 70% price premium to normal commodity Patti.

We, for the first time, have launched the Express Painting service with automatic machines, which can do the same job in much less time in a much cleaner way.

> Our growth rate has been compounded at 14% over the last 20 years. Maybe under normal circumstances, we would lose about 4% growth and come down to 10%. And if we do certain other things better, maybe we can restore it back to 12%

How is Berger Paints coping with fast technological changes?

Technology is very important, if you have to stay with the time, that's something which you cannot ignore. We have done all the basics. This is a very highly supply chain-oriented industry, and there are too many SKUs, too many dealers, you have to reach the right place at the right time. It's a very complicated category. Without technology you can't do it.

We have taken Oracle instead of SAP and that's the ERP backbone for us. We have different types of software, which we called o9 etc for the supply chain site.

Are you implementing automation in production?

Q&A

We just set up a plant in Sandila, Lucknow. It's a big plant with Rs 1,000 crore plus investments. This is a fully automated plant in almost everything. The entire paint production, storage, everything is automated.

With your Sandila plant, you have added 50% more to your existing capacity. What is the reason for choosing UP for such a big plant, and what are your big plans with that particular plant?

I have coined a term – Milte – to answer the question on the choice of location. Basically, Milte stands for all the necessary elements for us to set up our factory.

M stands for the market. UP is a big market for us, we are very strong in UP and so it made sense for us (to have that plant in Lucknow). We are the market leader in Lucknow. In Bareilly, we are the market leader. In Aligarh, we are very strong. Moradabad, we are the market leader with more than 50% share in these markets.

I stands for infrastructure. Does the state have good infrastructure? They gave us industrial land without any hassles. The plant is in the Sandila Industrial estate, which is very close to Lucknow. It is connected via all the expressways that they have created all around in UP.

Labor is abundant in UP. They supply labor across the country. So, they're available at the local place and cost-wise also it is very competitive.

Then you know, if you look at the other two – T and E. T stands for transformation and E stands for ease of doing business. This transformation and ease of doing business is very evident in UP these days.

What are the steps Berger Paints is taking towards being ESG compliant?

Our Sandila plant in Lucknow is completely run by solar. Under normal circumstances on normal days we don't have to buy any electricity from outside the grid, we can self generate the entire power that is required.

The ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant) process that we have followed there again is very unique. Liquid is discharged into the ground and almost everything is being recycled and reused there. We are also working on water conservation. So, the plant scores very high on the green front.

With many new players announcing entry into the market, and increasing competition do you think there would be some threat to the incumbents?

Yes, competition is increasing, there's no doubt. You know there have been many entries. In the past also many MNCs had come in. Now, some of the domestic players have also started getting in.

JSW came in about 3-4 years ago, but hasn't had any major success so far. Then JK has announced their plans to come in, in northern India and they have acquired one company called Acro Paints. Astral Paints, which has bought one Gem Paint, is also trying to do something. The big threat, however, will be Birla (group) because they have deep pockets to spend and they are investing big.

We are prepared for some skirmish in the near term -- no one is going to leave or spare market share. The market has been growing at a rate of about 12-13% overall, and if one major player comes, it may take some share away.

Our growth rate has been compounded at 14% over the last 20 years. Maybe under normal circumstances, we would lose about 4% growth and come down to 10%. And if we do certain other things better, maybe we can restore it back to 12%. So it's not a major transformational thing that's going to happen as far as we are concerned. And we should still continue to be able to grow at a reasonable pace.

You have been in the number two spot for a long time. Are you not eyeing No. 1 spot?

It is a very difficult task. This category doesn't lend itself to certain transformations. There is no great technological breakthrough that one can bring about. You know the industry establishes itself with dealers, contractors and consumers. All three have to be broken together in order to penetrate the market. So, that's not very easy (to dethrone someone). We don't expect too much change (in the current hierarchy).

If you look at the Bangladesh market, Asian Paints is 1/4th of our size in Bangladesh for the last 18 years. They have tried everything – they have tried the pricing route, put in two times more people on the ground in order to break through the distribution network. They advertised heavily. They tried all the tricks in the trade, and yet they stand where they are.

So even in the case of India, if you look at the Lucknow market, we are the leader. As I said in Kanpur, Asian Paints is the leader. Each one of us has been trying to break into each other's area for the last 20 years and we put in some of our best resources, and tried everything and yet it hasn't worked much either for them or for us.

In the next 10 years, where do you see Berger Paints, in terms of turnover and market share?

That is very difficult for me to say – 10 years is a long time and I know my term ends before that. I maybe see the next five years. So, the next 5-6 years, we should be able to nearly double from where we are currently. So, we are looking at ₹20,000 crore in next six years. So 12% is the growth rate that we should be able to generate in spite of the increasing competition. We have been generating 14% in the past, which means we are doubling almost every five years. This time, it will take one more year for us to double.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

FRANCE'S PENSION FRACAS SPARKS DEBATE ON LIFE IN TWILIGHT ZONE

GURBIR SINGH

WHAT is happening in France may seem quixotic in India. Ever since President Emmanuel Macron announced pension reforms in January pushing back the retirement age to 64 from the current 62, the nation has been in turmoil. Garbage on the streets and nationwide strikes have become endemic. The French look forward to life after retirement, and don't want the government to mess with it.

The wage earner in India is probably wondering what the ruckus is about. For him an additional two years of work and wages is heaven sent; it means two years of postponing a life of penury and an existence of dependence on surly progeny.

Strong protests

France today is seeing a protest movement not seen since the days of the student uprising of 1968. Airports and schools are closing down and garbage workers have walked out leaving the streets of Paris stinking. The rolling strikes since January are threatening to become an indefinite general strike if the pension reforms don't get struck down.

Jeffrey Mackler, a writer with 'Social Action' explained the high emotionas a combination of changing demographics and increasing expectations. Gone are the days when life after retirement was a short 2-3 years when life expectancy did not exceed 70. Today, because of a generous and efficient health care system, a majority live on 25 years or more after retirement.

Retirement then is not the end of life, but rather beginning of a new innings. Getting employees to contribute over 35-40 years to a cumulative fund, the French system has developed pension as a genuine 'deferred wage' where the worker continues to receive about 75% of his last drawn wage. Without the monotony of a daily commute, a new chapter then opens up for the retiree at almost the same level of monetary reimbursement. Even the US' social security benefits cannot match the French pension system. So why on earth should an employee, because of a Macron diktat, want to grind on in a job for two more years?

Macron is trying his best to balance France's books. If the retirement age stays as it is, there would be only 1.2 taxpaying workers to support each retiree in 2070, down from 1.7 in 2020, government data indicates. Public pension spending is depleting France's coffers, accounting for about 13.6% of its GDP. It is significant that the pension issue has not excited protests elsewhere like Germany, which is raising retirement age to 67 from 65 or Britain where it might be pushed up to 68 from the current 66. In France, everything is more political. The working man sees retirement at 62, gained after years of struggle, as a gain he doesn't want to give up. As for balancing the books, the call is to tax the rich, not squeeze out more from the blue collars.

SOURAV ROY

So class war it is: pictures of demonstrators storming the Louis Vuitton (LVMH) headquarters housing the offices of the company's CEO and the world's richest man, Bernard Arnault, only go to magnify the underlying sentiment.

Benefits on paper

In India, pension and retirement benefits are largely of academic interest as they don't exist for the vast majority.

There are a clutch of pension-related schemes for retiring employees; but it is an admitted position of the government, based on the 2011 census, that just about 12% of the workforce – or about 58 million people – are covered. Beneficiaries include government employees and enterprises, and the larger private sector companies who are enrolled with the Employees' Pension Scheme. Pension benefits kick in after 58 years, and for those who have contributed for a minimum of 10 years.

The Old Pension Scheme (OPS) entitles a retiring employee to draw 50% of last drawn basic wage plus dearness allowance, and there is no contribution of the employee. The New Pension Scheme adopted about 2 decades ago is more complex with employees contributing 10% of their salary and employers putting in 14%.

For the vast unorganized employment market – those in the unorganized sector, or engaged in casual or short-term jobs – these schemes don't exist. Almost the entire rural workforce are daily wage earners and migrate seasonally. Millions of workers in the private sector in the construction industry, and small cottage and handicrafts sector are nameless faces on daily or short-term jobs.

Pension, best described as a 'deferred wage', is an emolument earned when in service but disbursed after retirement. The government recognizes it as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution and is akin to 'property' as defined in Article 300-A of the Constitution. But the irony is pension as a retirement benefit is largely unknown even for the upper crust of the corporate world. Perhaps the events in France could spark some debate in India on a right that largely exists on paper.

HDFC Bank Q4 net up 20% to ₹12K cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

HDFC Bank, country's largest private sector lender, on Saturday reported a 19.8% rise in standalone net profit at ₹12,047.5 crore for the quarter ending March 31, driven by strong growth in net interest income and loan growth. The bank had posted a net profit of ₹10,055.2 crore in the same quarter of previous year.

The net interest income (the difference between interest earned and interest paid) for the quarter grew by 23.7% to ₹23,351.8 crore from ₹18,872.7 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2022. Core net interest margin, a key indicator of bank's profitability, was at 4.1% on total assets.

HDFC Bank's asset quality improved, with its gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio at 1.12% from 1.23% in the prior quarter and 1.17% a year ago. Net NPA ratio was at 0.27% from 0.33% in October-December.

Provisions and contingencies for the quarter ending March 31, 2023 were ₹2,685.4 crore as against ₹3,312.4 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2022. Other income (non-interest revenue) at ₹8,731.2 crore was 27.2% of the net revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 as against ₹7,637.1 crore in the corresponding quarter ended March 31, 2022.

Bank's fees & commissions increased to ₹6,628.1 crore from ₹5,630.3 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year while foreign exchange & derivatives revenue grew to Rs1,010.5 crore to Rs804.5 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Operating expenses for the quarter were Rs13,462.1 crore, an increase of 32.6% over Rs10,152.8 crore during the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The cost-to-income ratio for the quarter was at 42%. Total balance sheet size as of March 31, 2023 grew to ₹2,466,081 crore as against ₹2,068,535 crore as of March 31, 2022, a growth of 19.2%.

Business & Beyond

Canara Bank organises Outreach Programme for Startups

Canara Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank has organised an Outreach programme for Startups on 11.04.2023 at Bengaluru to explore the ways to reach out to Start-ups and to understand the contours of banking relationship to be established with the Start-Up ecosystem to stimulate mutual and inclusive growthin association withIBA. The Outreach programme for startups was coordinated by Canara Bank wherein various start-ups, venture capitals, investors, Banks and other stakeholders of the start-up ecosystem attended the programme.

Vedanta BALCO recognized for its efforts towards energy conservation

New Delhi: The Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, has been awarded the 'PAT Top Performer' award for its efforts towards energy conservation under the Government of India's Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) Scheme. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, Shri R K Singh, on the occasion of the 21st Foundation Day of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE).

Industrial safety training programme at Paradeep Phosphates

Focus on Industrial Safety is a priority of the State Government now and accordingly it has geared up its officials and all the Industry heads to conduct specific Training Programmes to reduce accidents in industrial areas. The whole intention is to fulfil this year National Safety Day Theme 'Our Aim, Zero Harm'. In this Context and one day training programme was arranged at Paradeep Phosphates Limited in association with Directorate of Factories & Boilers and Training Partner was reputed agency IQEMS on 11th April '23.

Punjab National Bank launches new toll-free number 1800 -1800

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank, nation's leading public sector bank, announced the launch of its new customer care numbers 1800-1800 & 1800-2021 on the occasion of the bank's 129th Foundation Day. The new easy-to-recalltoll-free number aims to provide PNB customers with a seamless and hassle-free experience whenever they reach out to the customer care team. Additionally, the bank introduced other products such as E-Marketplace and Instant QRon Mobile Banking AppPNB One, PABL (Pre-approved business loan), Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), Digital KCC through JanSamarth Portal, Current Account opening through TAB and Video-KYC, PNB eSWAR and PNB Metaverse.

Anglo-Eastern Shipping Co gets award

Union Minister of State, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India, Mr Shantanu Thakur gave an award to Mumbai-based Anglo-Eastern Shipping Company in the category 'Best Foreign Employer of Indian Seafarers' at a function held recently.

Bumrah begins rehab, Iyer to undergo back surgery

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah is "pain free" and has begun his rehab at the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore following a successful surgery on his lower back in New Zealand, the BCCI said on Saturday. The BCCI also gave an update on Shreyas Iyer and said the batter would undergo surgery for his lower back issue next week.

Vyshak Vijay Kumar of Royal Challengers Bangalore rejoices after taking a wicket against Delhi Capitals on Saturday. The debutant claimed 3 wickets | VINOD KUMAR T

Aspiring batter to pacer, Vyshak's journey to IPL

GOMESH S @ Chennai

IT was the fourth ball of the fifth over during the chase between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals on Saturday. Vyshak Vijay Kumar ran in and angled the ball across David Warner. Early into the shot, the southpaw hit it straight to Virat Kohli at midwicket. Vyshak let out a roar which was engulfed by that of the packed M Chinnaswamy Stadium. The 26-year-old had taken his first IPL wicket on debut, that too, of Warner, setting up the game for RCB. Vyshak would come back again to take more wickets with his knuckle balls, registering (3/20) the second-best figures by an Indian on IPL debut (best for RCB).

Vyshak was the hero for the franchise in front of a home crowd at a ground where he grew up playing all his cricket. Dream debut, enough said. However, Vyshak did not begin his cricket journey as a pacer. He broke into age-group teams early as a batter and even captained the state U-16 team. That is when he joined Basavanagudi Cricket Academy. "At that time, he used to be on the heavier side and more interested in batting than his bowling. I used to taunt him that he couldn't bowl fast or run fast. He took it as a challenge and now, here he is, bowling fast for RCB in the IPL," recalls Ramana, who had worked with Vyshak.

The transformation, however, did not happen overnight. If one goes through the bowling stats of Vyshak in the first division tournaments, there is a gradual improvement. In the 2016-17 season, he averaged 49.23 with the ball for Social Cricketers. Over the next three years, it came down to 30.27, 25.85, and 15.31, respectively. He would go on to make his senior List-A debut in the 2020-21 season followed by the T20 and first-class debut the year after. In the 2022-23 season, Vyshak was the second leading wicket-taker for Karnataka in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (15 scalps) and the joint-leading wicket-taker for the team in Ranji Trophy with 31 wickets.

From starting his journey with cricket at the age of nine to playing for RCB at 26, Vyshak has come a long way. But it did not happen without support. Vijay Kumar, his dad, was the earliest coach when he started. When it was suggested to him that Vyshak has the potential to make it big in cricket, he left his regular job at a private company to focus on his cricket. He has been with Vyshak in every step of his cricketing journey over the years. "My wife Brinda, who was working in a private firm as HR at that point, took over the family responsibilities. She sacrificed a lot for us. She would go on and become the director of the company as well. I would go to school, college, every practice match, travel for the U-13, U16 tournaments to watch him play," says a proud Vijay Kumar, who, fittingly, was at the stadium to watch his son's dream debut. "It is a great feeling as a parent. We feel proud. Thank the almighty for everything," Vijay Kumar adds over the phone as he was waiting outside the stadium on Saturday to meet his Vyshak after the match.

There is one other person who had a key role in Vyshak's rise — former Karnataka and RCB player Abhimanyu Mithun. Mithun has been working with Vyshak for a few years, especially during the off-season. He helped Vyshak in settling into his run up and to prepare mentally as a pacer for every batter. "We are very thankful to Mithun. He knew Vyshak when he was playing. He was very close to Vyshak in the state team. He was very impressed with what he saw and took him on. He has been guiding and coaching. We are very thankful. He is doing it free of cost. He doesn't even charge us," said Vijay Kumar. **Brief scores:** RCB 174/6 in 20 ovs (Kohli 50; Marsh 2/18, Kuldeep 2/23) **bt** DC 151/9 in 20 ovs (Manish 50; Vyshak 3/20).

Shaili jumps 6.76m, second-best behind Anju

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

WHEN Anju Bobby George, India's only world championships medallist in long jump, and her husband and coach Robert Bobby George spotted Shaili Singh at a junior national meet, they knew she had potential. When she started training at her Academy, Robert believed his new ward could break his wife's longstanding national record. On Saturday, with Anju in the stands, Shaili almost did that at 19.

The 2021 junior worlds silver medallist jumped 6.76m at the Indian GP-4, the second best jump by an Indian woman in the country (mere centimetres behind Anju's 6.83m in 2004).

It had not been a great 2022 for Shaili after the junior world silver due to injury and rehabilitation. Shaili had lost her rhythm and speed. But Robert planned meticulously for this year. Because 2023 is going to be a long season with the Asian Games scheduled to be held in September-October, Robert wanted a late start. The Indian GP in Bengaluru and her form helped to make up their mind. "She was doing well in practice and her speed was good," he told this daily from Bengaluru. "So I told Anju that she will do well and we can start season with the Indian GP. What was heartening was to see her start with a personal best (6.58m) in the first major jump of the season." At the 2021 junior worlds, she had a 6.59m but was wind-aided and her legal PB is 6.48m. The coach was not surprised by her effort and said it was expected as she was jumping in that range during training. Her best jump was third and all her legitimate efforts were her PBs. The series read 6.58m, X, 6.76m, 6.64m, X, 6.66m. "We have shifted the training to our place and the atmosphere is very good." There is no sign of injury that had bothered her last year. "At the National Games and Open nationals (last year) she was in a transition stage," said Robert. "I developed her programme that way. December 1 onwards, we have started loading and at the Asian Indoors (February), she was supposed to do 6.50m. The jump was there but she took off behind the board three times. Speed was there but one has to be consistent."

Shaili Singh

Robert felt her distance is per the programme he had set. "Don't ask me when but she is going to better Anju's national record," he said. With such performances, Robert felt it will be good to focus on international competitions, especially in Europe (GPs)and one or two Diamond League if possible. "We have to jump against some of the top jumpers in the world," he said. "I was searching for better quality competitions in Europe where she can improve her world ranking so that by virtue of her world rankings, she can qualify for the world championships and the Olympics." Of course, Asian Games will be there but he is not too bothered. "We have to be good enough to challenge the world," he said. He's also a relieved man after a not so good 2022. "Whatever you do in training, it has to convert into results is the biggest challenge," he said. "We may do very good in training but if we don't convert into results then everything is a waste." **Select Results: Men: 100m:** Amlan Borgohain (Asm) 10.53s; Hasssan Saaid (Maldives) 10.66; Animesh Kujur (Cht) 10.69; 200m: A Borgohain 20.78s; Animesh Kujur (Cht) 21.26; Md Anas Yahiya (Kerala) 21.35; 400m: 1. Amoj Jacob (Del) 46.13s; 2. Md Ajmal (Ker) 46.59; T Santhosh Kumar (TN) 47.24; Long Jump: Md Anees Yahiya (Ker) 7.87m; Rishabh Rishishwar (UP) 7.76; S Arya (Kar) 7.64; Javelin: DP Manu (Kar) 84.33m; Rohit Yadav (UP) 81.81; Shivpal Singh (UP) 79.70. **Women:** 100m: Archana Suseendran (TN) 11.79s; Nithya Gandhe (Tel) 12.85; AT Daneshwari (Kar) 11.85; 200m: Jyothi Yarraji (AP) 23.60s; Archana Suseendran (TN) 23.86; AT Daneshwari (Kar) 24.59; LONG JUMP: Shaili Singh (UP) 6.76m; Nayana James (Ker) 6.53m; Karthika Gothandapani (AP) 6.15.

A principal student of the game: Mitoma story

JAPANESE FOOTBALLER STUDIED ABOUT FINER ASPECTS OF DRIBBLING IN COLLEGE BEFORE MAKING A MARK FOR BRIGHTON IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE THIS SEASON

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

KAORU Mitoma was the main architect of one of the most talked about moments of the World Cup. The skill to hook the ball over a falling teammate (Daizen Maeda), away from the covering defender (Dani Carvajal) and the goalkeeper stationed on his near post (Unai Simon) and into the path of the onrushing colleague (Ao Tanaka) for a relatively easy tap-in was played over and over again. It made global headlines on TV channels worldwide. It made news bulletins 24 hours later. The sports pages dissected the goal in painstaking detail.

Unfortunately for Mitoma, the first paragraph was true only because of the controversy the goal generated. Immediate TV replays suggested that the ball had gone out. In fact, the linesperson on the far side held up the flag as they had judged the ball to be out of bounds. The Video Assistant Referee (VAR), though, overruled the decision as some of the part of the ball was shown to be in play (overhanging) the exact moment Mitoma made contact to flick the ball over Maeda. In physics, it's known as a parallax error. This goal helped Japan advance at Germany's expense and condemned Spain to second place in the group. It should have also helped launch Mitoma into an Asian football star.

Sunday Special

It's four-and-a-bit months removed from Mitoma's impudence at the Khalifa International Stadium. Belatedly, the 25-year-old has won recognition. It isn't a stretch to say he's been one of the best players since in England post the World Cup break. Six goals (including against Liverpool and Arsenal) and four assists for Brighton has helped the club to an unlikely push for Europe.

That goal against Liverpool in the FA Cup highlighted some of Mitoma's best traits. He controlled a looping cross from the left with a really good first touch, maintained balance and close control to escape the attention of as many as four Liverpool players before firing past Alisson Becker. On other occasions, he has showed some of his other attributes. With the ball at his feet, he's never shy of running at the defence with the ball seemingly sticking to his boot. Blessed with oodles of pace and adept at cutting inside or beating his man on the outside, he's on his way to becoming the modern winger complete with leading the press as well as inter-changing with the forward line. If and when Brighton decide to sell one of their prized assets at a premium — it's how they operate — it's easy to imagine the Japanese becoming the first Asian player to command a transfer fee in excess of $50mn.

To really understand Mitoma's story, though, it's important to travel from the beaches of Brighton to Kawasaki, a city in the south of Japan.

It's where Mitoma first made a name for himself in the J League. But he didn't pick the conventional route to the first XI of the senior team. When the club offered him professional terms to join the main side, he rejected that for a place in the University of Tsukuba in Ibaraki Preferecture.

The choice of University wasn't a surprise. It was the alma mater for the likes of Sawao Kato (eight-time Gymnastics Olympic gold winner) and Saki Kumagai (women's World Cup winner with Japan and current Bayern Munich captain) among other athletes.

But Mitoma's decision still surprised a few people in Japan because preferring a place in University over becoming a professional had been a thing of the past. "Many players have opted to go to University before turning professional," says Tom Byer, the man credited with revolutionising Japan's approach to football in the beginning in the late 90s. "It's a pathway to the national youth teams and professional clubs. Many top players went to College first although it's probably decreased somewhat of late.

MITOMA'S SEASON (ALL COMPETITIONS FOR BRIGHTON)
Appearances: 31
Goals: 10
Assists: 7

KNOW MITOMA
Full name: **Kaoru Mitoma**
Age: 25
Nationality: Japan
Position: Left-winger
Current club: Brighton

"They (Tsukuba) have a decent youth academy and the first team does well which inspired the young players." At University, Mitoma, who did a four-year Physical Education degree, went even further than others to understand the sport. As part of his course work, he submitted a thesis on the finer aspects of dribbling (the rough English translation of his paper was 'Research on Information Processing of the Attacking Side in 1v1 Football Situations'.

His field work included strapping GoPro cameras on the foreheads of the players he studied, including himself. "The visual field of the attackers was analysed at two points of time," he wrote in the paper. "During trapping and during dribbling." The conclusion of the study said: "Compared to the semi-skilled group, the skilled group was able to keep the opponent in the upper centre of the field of vision and to recognise the surrounding position and situation even before actually touching and trapping the ball. In addition, the skilled group tended to maintain an upright posture while dribbling and to keep their opposition in their field of vision."

Watch Mitoma dribbling in the Premier League and you will agree with his conclusion. In that aspect, one can say that he's implementing what he observed and analysed in College. "It was the easiest subject for me to choose because I love football and dribbling is what I love to do," he had explained in an interview to The Athletic in January. "There were no rules on how much to write, but I progressed with it by analysing my teammates that were good and not-so-good dribblers and trying to find out why that was."

After Brighton signed him from Kawasaki Frontale, they loaned him out to Union Saint Gilloise, a club in Belgium's top-flight to give the platform to learn the grammar of European club football. Within his first 60 minutes there, Brighton knew they were on to a sure thing as he scored a hat-trick on debut. More promising performances before he joined Brighton's first team in pre season. While Belgium's Leandro Trossard was Brighton's principal attacker on the left-hand side, Mitoma started influencing games off the bench even before the World Cup under new manager, Roberto de Zerbi. What immediately stood out was his very high technical level. "Decades of programs we put in place highlight the importance of technical skill development," Byer says is why most of Japan's players seem readymade to make the step up.

After Trossard left following differences, Mitoma has grabbed his chance with both hands. With Europe's leading clubs forming an orderly queue to sign him, expect to hear his name more and more in the coming months.

Shahrukh, Raza lift PBKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

Thanks to M Shahrukh Khan's late assault (23 n.o off 10 balls) and Sikandar Raza's 57, Punjab Kings pulled off a thrilling victory over Lucknow Super Giants. Being asked to bat first, LSG posted 159/8 with KL Rahul scoring 74. Rahul played a composed innings and it seemed like that would prove to be enough. But Raza paced his knock well and put PBKS in the game until the end. Shahrukh did the finishing bit. **Brief scores:** LSG 159/8 in 20 ovs (Rahul 74, Mayers 29, Krunal 18; Curran 3/31, Rabada 2/34) **lost to** PBKS 161/8 in 19.3 ovs (Raza 57, Short 34).

MI SEEK MUCH-NEEDED WIN

Having opened their account, Mumbai Indians will take on Kolkata Knight Riders on Sunday afternoon at Wankhede. A look...

ROHIT'S FAVOURITE RIVAL

While Rohit Sharma ended his poor run against Delhi in the previous game, the good news for Mumbai is that he will be up against his favourite opponents next. Sharma has scored more runs vs KKR than any other team in the IPL and would want to continue the same on Sunday

117.39 Suryakumar Yadav's IPL SR against Sunil Narine in 6 innings

MI PACERS VS KKR TOP-ORDER

The KKR batters, especially Venkatesh Iyer and Nitish Rana, have been in good form in recent games. However, against Mumbai, they will be tested by some high-end pace. Two of Jason Behrendorff, Riley Meredith and Jofra Archer (if he is fit to play) are very much capable of rocking the boat

Mumbai Indians vs Kolkata Knight Riders, 3.30 PM, Mumbai

TOP-TIER BATTLE

Table toppers Rajasthan Royals face third-placed Gujarat Titans. A look...

CAN SANJU BREAK DUCK STREAK?

With back-to-back ducks, Sanju Samson will be keen to get some runs. And Ahmedabad seems like a perfect venue for it given the high-scoring contests so far. His battle against Rashid Khan could define the contest

SHUBMAN STEALING THE SHOW

The Titans opener has easily been the best Indian batter in the tournament so far. Shubman Gill has shown that he is capable of being proactive and taking the attack to bowlers through every phase. Will he be able to do the same against a strong bowling attack like RR?

10 Jos Buttler averages 10 against Rashid Khan in IPL

Gujarat Titans vs Rajasthan Royals, 7.30 PM, Ahmedabad

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EXPRESS READ

Lahiri best-placed Indian in Vietnam meet

CAM RANH (VIETNAM): India's Anirban Lahiri shot a solid five-under 67 to move to Tied-13th at the $2 million International Series Vietnam here on Saturday. Lahiri played well with seven birdies against two bogeys after starting from the tenth tee. His earlier rounds were 69-69. The Indians are having a modest outing with Honey Baisoya (72) next best at tied 46th.

Maiden victory for youngster Karan

CHANDIGARH: Karan Pratap Singh prevailed in a tight finish to claim his maiden victory at the ₹1 crore PGTI Players Championship presented by Chandigarh Golf Club here. The 22-year-old's win followed his career-best runner-up finish in Noida last week where he had lost in a playoff. Karan (70-70-68-70) posted a resolute two-under 70 on day four to tally 10-under 278.

Pankaj, Nancy & Rhythm top shooting trials

BHOPAL: Pankaj Mukheja clinched the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) T3 trials at the MP State Shooting Academy Range here. Also emerging triumphant on day three of the Group A national selection trials was Haryana's Nancy who claimed the women's 10m air rifle T3 trials and her state-mate Rhythm Sangwan, who won the women's 25m pistol T4 trials.

Haaland equals record in City win

AFP @ Manchester

ERLING Haaland scored twice in the first half of Manchester City's 3-1 victory over Leicester on Saturday to equal Mohamed Salah's record of 32 goals in a 38-game Premier League season. Haaland scored his 46th goal in all competitions from the penalty spot in the 13th minute to make it 2-0 to the defending champions after a John Stones opener.

The prolific striker made it 3-0 when he dinked the ball over Daniel Iversen after a clever pass from Kevin De Bruyne.

Liverpool's Salah scored 32 goals in the 2017/18 season.

The overall single-season record of 34 goals in the Premier League era — set in the days of 42 games per side, is held by Andrew Cole and Alan Shearer. Earlier, Aston Villa moved into contention for a top-four finish as Newcastle were beaten 3-0 at Villa Park, while Tottenham sank to a 3-2 home defeat to Bournemouth.

Erling Haaland scores from the penalty spot against Leicester City on Saturday | AP

Other results: Aston Villa **3-0** Newcastle; Chelsea **1-2** Brighton; Everton **1-3** Fulham; Southampton **0-2** Crystal Palace; Tottenham **2-3** Bournemouth; Wolves **2-0** Brentford.

EXFILE • HISTORY

America's first heroes: Revolutionary War soldiers reburied

The 12 US soldiers died in a pine forest in South Carolina in 1780, their bodies hastily buried beneath a thin layer of soil as their comrades fled from the British who appeared ready to put a quick and brutal end to the American Experiment

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

"Our democracy is the oldest in the world—we don't always get it right, and we have fought amongst ourselves more than I care to think about. But today, we are the most powerful country in the world. This is what you paid for with your life," reads a letter from Air Force veteran Stacey Ferguson

PROPER BURIAL FOR SOLDIERS

But later this month, the carefully gathered and studied remains of the dozen unknown soldiers are getting a proper memorial and burial where they fell on the Camden battlefield

250th anniversary of Revolutionary War

It's part of the ongoing 250th anniversary commemorations of the Revolutionary War, which historians hope will highlight history that unites instead of divides

LIMITATIONS OF DNA TESTING

However, there are limits to what can be discovered. Time took its toll on the bodies. Bones that didn't decompose to dust were scattered by wild animals, souvenir hunters

DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN CAUSE OF DEATH

"For a lot of these people, we were not able to ascertain their exact cause of death. The skeletons are very fragmented," said Madeline Atwell, a deputy coroner and forensic anthropologist

DIGGING UP THE REMAINS

Atwell's office has spent several months helping other archeologists carefully dig up the soil at the site. When remains were found, they were draped in a US flag and a veteran escorted them to a truck

AMERICA'S FIRST HEROES

The remains have been X-rayed, tested and meticulously cataloged. They are now being prepared for a reburial ceremony worthy of what historians are calling America's first heroes

PAYING RESPECTS TO THE SOLDIERS

A huge ceremony is planned in South Carolina from April 20-22. The soldiers will be honored at the national cemetery at Columbia's Fort Jackson Army basic training base before heading on 32 km procession to Camden

They will lie in state for two days before horse-drawn caissons carry them back to their resting places

SIMILAR PROJECT

A similar project is underway in New Jersey, where bodies of 12 German soldiers, who fought for British were found in mass grave

> We have a better opportunity to tell a more complete story of these individuals. Who were they? Why were they here? What was their fate?
>
> Jennifer Janofsky, Public historian at Rowan University

Mexico's prez decides to throttle national news agency

In his latest crackdown on free speech, the far-left leader promised to shut Notimex— a news agency locked in a strike against the woman he appointed to run it

MEDIA

MEXICO CITY: Mexico's president said on Friday he will shut down *Notimex*, a national news agency that has been locked in a years-long strike against the woman he appointed to run it.

Founded in 1968, *Notimex* was generally a service that mainly sent news reports from Mexico's 32 states, many of which weren't covered much by Mexico's national newspapers, which are almost all based in Mexico City.

Analysts said it is the latest chapter in an effort by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to control public government media, scientific or cultural bodies.

López Obrador said on Friday that there is no longer a need for *Notimex*, saying his carefully orchestrated morning news briefings are enough to keep the country informed.

"We do not need a government news agency anymore. That was from the era of press statements," López Obrador said. "It is not something that we need as a government. We have the mañanera"—his daily news briefing.

The unionised workers at *Notimex* went on strike in 2020, arguing some members had been unfairly fired or harassed by Sanjuana Martínez, who was appointed by López Obrador to run the agency in 2019, soon after he took office.

The two sides have made no progress in resolving the strike.

López Obrador said the agency will be closed after an agreement is reached to pay the striking workers severance payments.

Mexican presidential press office, Notimex Director Sanjuana Martinez | AP

Martínez said she completely agreed with the decision to shut down the 55-year-old news agency, which she claimed was ridden with corruption when she took over.

"I am totally in agreement" with the decision, Martínez said. She added she agreed that the president's morning news briefings—where pre-selected bloggers and reporters usually ask soft-ball questions, and sometimes openly state their loyalty to López Obrador—is enough to keep Mexicans informed.

"It is a successful phenomenon with high audience share that has allowed (the government) to respond to the press, which in general has opted for campaigns of slander and lies," Martínez said.

López Obrador routinely lashes out at mainstream reporters, calling them corrupt lackeys of conservatives.

The Mexican Association for the Right to Information said there has been a disturbing trend by López Obrador's government of turning publicly funded media outlets into a mouthpiece for his administration. The coverage of a march by López Obrador's supporters in November in Mexico City was one example the group cited. Public television and radio stations—most of which had previously broadcast mainly cultural, scientific or education programmes—quickly became politicised, giving promotional space to draw people to López Obrador's march and broadcasting fawning coverage of it.

"The government is making a clearly partisan use of supposedly public media outlets that constitutes a flagrant violation of the Constitution," the association said in a statement. "These are publicly funded electronic media that are meant to provide information without a slant in favour of the government." Jorge Bravo, the association's president, noted that *Notimex*, like some other public media, had long had a reputation for being pro-government. "But if before they were pro-government, now they are also propaganda outlets," Bravo said. It's not just news media and regulatory agencies the president has dissolved, starved of funding or refused to approve appointments for in his effort to concentrate media coverage and decision-making in his own hands.

In 2021, his administration sought to lock up 31 academics, professors and scientists in the country's harshest maximum security prison for receiving money from a government science fund.

FACT OF THE MATTER

1st operational satellite of Kenya

SPACE

Kenya's first operational satellite was launched into orbit on Saturday by a SpaceX rocket that took off from California, USA, according to images from the US space company. The launch, originally scheduled for Monday night in the US, was postponed several times this week due to bad weather. On Saturday, a SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket took off at 0648 GMT from the base at Vandenberg, California, before deploying several dozen satellites an hour later, including the Kenyan Taifa-1 ("Nation-1", in the Swahili language). Designed and developed by Kenyan researchers, the satellite is intended to provide data for agriculture and environmental monitoring in Kenya.

Montana TikTok bill goes to Guv

TECH

Montana's House gave final passage on Friday to a bill banning the social media app TikTok from operating in the state, a move that's bound to face legal challenges but also serve as a testing ground for the TikTok-free America many national lawmakers envision due to concerns over potential Chinese spying. The House voted 54-43 in favour of the measure, which would make Montana the first state with a total ban on the app. It goes further than prohibitions already put in place by nearly half the states and the US federal government that prohibit TikTok on government devices. Spokesperson said governor "will carefully consider" all bills the Legislature sends.

New Jersey accuses itself!

WILDLIFE

New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection has charged itself with damaging habitat for threatened and endangered birds that it was supposed to protect. The work was designed to create habitat for one species of bird, but actually wound up destroying habitat for two others. The department acknowledged it sent a violation notice and threatened penalties against its own Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding unauthorised work in February and March at the Glassboro Wildlife Management Area in Clayton, Gloucester County. It was unclear how any penalties might work when the DEP is both the accuser and the accused. It also was not immediately clear whether any money might actually change hands. The work involved the clearing of vegetation and disturbance of soils on nearly 3 acres of what the state calls "exceptional resource value freshwater wetlands."

Japan, US to develop geothermal energy

DIPLOMACY

SAPPORO: Japan and the United States agreed on Saturday to cooperate on developing geothermal energy, one of the most plentiful resources on this volcanic island chain.

The memorandum of commitment was signed on Saturday on the sidelines of a meeting of the Group of Seven energy and environment ministers in Hokkaido.

Japan's famed hot springs reflect its abundant geothermal activity, but the spas and resorts clustered around them have slowed efforts to use that resource to generate power.

The pact signed by Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and Japan's minister of economy, trade and industry, Yasutoshi Nishimura, says that geothermal energy is recognised as a "renewable energy technology that the United States and Japan can work together to advance."

SACRED FIRE

A beam of light enters Jerusalem's Holy Sepulchre as Orthodox Christians gather with lit candles around the Edicule during the Holy Fire ceremony in Jerusalem's Old City | AFP

Despite mutations in bird flu, threat is low

HEALTH

NEW YORK: A man in Chile is infected with a bird flu that has concerning mutations, but the threat to people from the virus remains low, US health officials said on Friday.

Past animal studies suggest these mutations could cause the virus to be more harmful or spread more easily, health officials said. But they also said there is no evidence that the mutations would make it easier for it to take root in a person's upper lungs—a development that would raise concerns about spread among people.

The mutations do not change public health officials' assessment of the overall risk to people from the H5N1 virus, which "continues to be low," said Vivien Dugan of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The mutations, which have appeared only in the one hospitalised patient, may have occurred after the man got sick, CDC officials said. There's no evidence that the mutated virus spread to other people, mixed with other flu viruses, or developed the ability to fight off current medicines or evade vaccines, agency officials said.

Such genetic changes have been seen in past bird flu infections. "Nevertheless, it's important to continue to look carefully at every instance of human infection," Dugan said. "We need to remain vigilant for changes that would make these viruses more dangerous to people." This type of flu, called Type A H5N1, was first identified as a threat to people during a 1997 outbreak in Hong Kong, when visitors to live poultry markets caught it. Sporadic outbreaks have followed, and more than 450 people have died in the past two decades from bird flu infections, according to the WHO. The vast majority of infected people got it directly from birds.

As bird flu hits other species, however, scientists fear the virus could evolve to spread more easily among people. And it has been spreading widely, to birds and animals in scores of countries. In the US, it has recently been detected in wild birds in every state, as well as in commercial poultry operations and backyard flocks across the country.

REMEMBERING LOST FACES

UK imposes export bar on painting of WWI Indian soldiers

ART

LONDON: A portrait by Anglo-Hungarian painter Philip de Laszlo of two Indian soldiers who fought in World War I was placed under a temporary export bar by British government to allow time for a UK institution to acquire the "wonderful and sensitive" work to prevent it leaving the country.

The unfinished portrait, valued at around GBP 650,000, depicts cavalry officers Risaldar Jagat Singh and Risaldar Man Singh ' junior troop commanders in the British Indian Army's Expeditionary Force who served at the Battle of the Somme in France and presumed to have died in action.

The painting is extremely rare in depicting active Indian participants in the First World War. "This wonderful and sensitive portrait captures an important moment in our history as soldiers were drawn from across the globe to help fight in the trenches of the First World War," said Lord Stephen Parkinson, UK Arts and Heritage Minister.

"I hope this magnificent painting can remain in the UK to help tell the story of those brave soldiers and the contribution they and so many others made to Allied victory," he said.

Painting of WWI Indian soldiers | PTI

Around 1.5 million Indian soldiers were deployed during World War I and according to records, the two soldiers in the painting sat for the artist in London two months before being sent to France to fight in the trenches. It is described as a fine example of a portrait by the renowned 20th-century artist, which captures an important moment in British history as soldiers from across the British Empire came to fight in Europe. The painting appears to have been created for de L'szl''s own collection and it remained in his studio until he died in 1937.

The UK government's decision to impose an export bar follows the advice of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest (RCEWA). The committee made its recommendation based on the criterion for its outstanding significance to the study of the Indian contribution to the war effort and the individuals involved.

"Philip de L'szl' was one of Britain's most distinguished society portrait painters of the early 20th century. But this sensitive portrait, the more powerful because it is unfinished, offers an exceptionally rare glimpse not of maharajahs or generals but of two 'ordinary' middle-ranking Sikh soldiers about to depart for the horrors of the Battle of Somme," said RCEWA Member Peter Barber.